

QUADRENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions

OF THE

Methodist Protestant Church

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THE BOARD'S MISSIONARIES

JAPAN

Rev. Leigh Layman, D. D., and wife, member of Pittsburgh Conference, at Nagoya.
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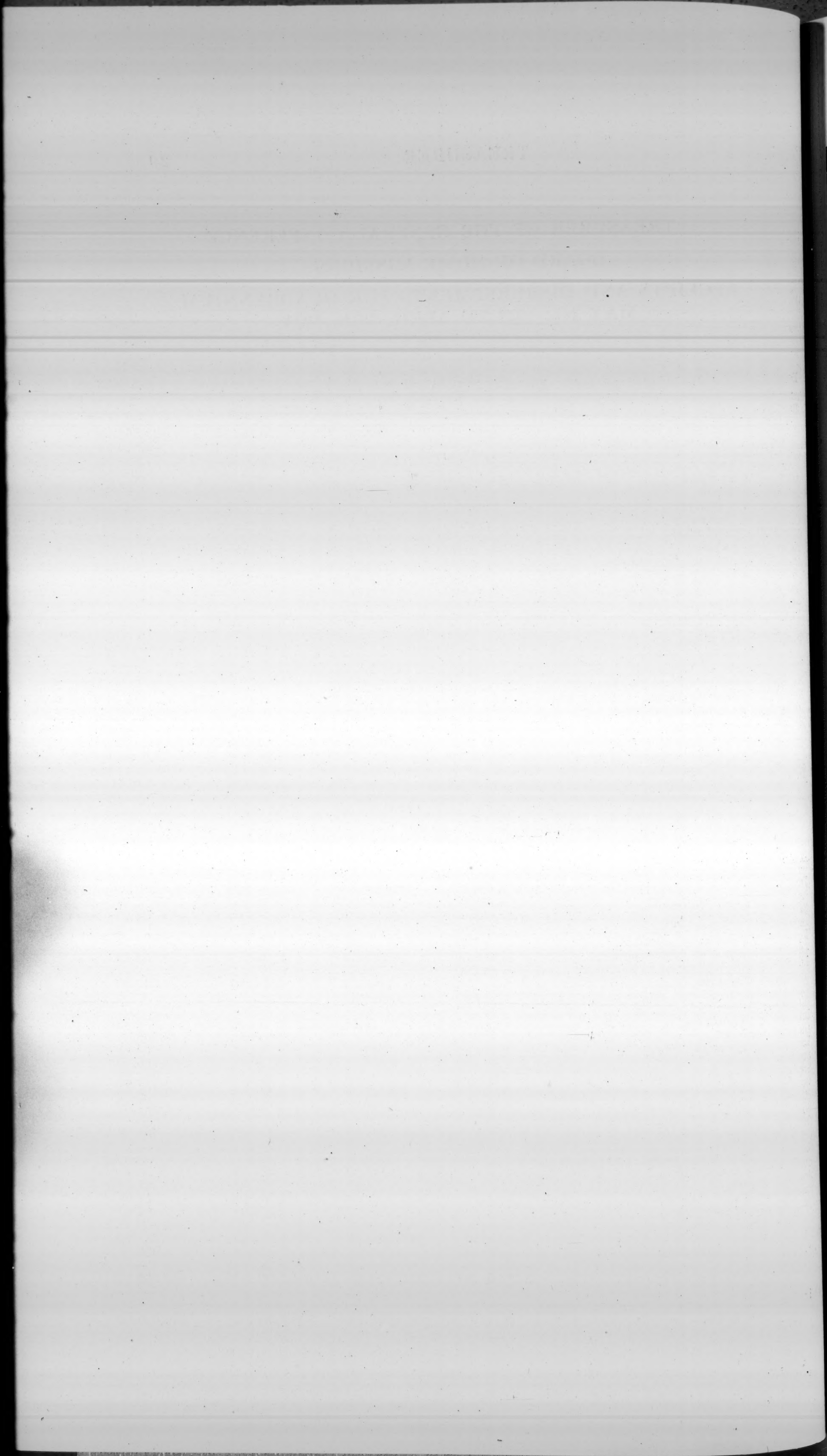
CHINA

Rev. C. S. Heininger, D. D., and wife, member of Indiana Conference, at Kalgan.
Dr. H. Hamnett and wife, Medical Missionary, at Kalgan.
Rev. C. G. Soderbom, at Kalgan.

INDIA

Rev. Florence Williams Theophilus, member of Louisiana Conference, at Dhulia.
Miss Mattie Long (the W. F. M. S. pays her salary) at Dhulia.
Rev. J. F. Minnis and wife, member of North Carolina Conference, at Dhulia.

May 1, 1920 to April 30, 1924



retary was directed to attend the funeral, and express to Mrs. Vandyke the deepest sympathy of the Board.

Dr. Vandyke had been connected with our Japan Mission for more than a quarter of a century, he rendered valuable service, and was highly esteemed by foreigners and Japanese alike. He was the honored pastor of our Westminster, Md., church at his death.

The Board noted the death of Rev. T. J. Ogburn, D. D., for twelve years the corresponding secretary-treasurer of the Board, and recorded its appreciation of his faithful services, and, through its secretary, conveyed its deep sympathy to the family.

The Board has paid its share of the cost of publishing the missionary material in the Sunday school publications of our church.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Broomfield, recording secretary of the Board, has regularly supplied the informing and stimulating information as a work of love.

The report of the Administrative Committee, ordered by the General Conference, which contained a constitution for the proposed Union Board of Missionary Administration, and bringing together in an administrative capacity the four missionary organizations of the church, was unanimously adopted by the Board.

The permission of the Executive Committee of the General Conference was secured to project a campaign to secure special funds to build the long-delayed church and science hall for Nagoya College but it was merged into the campaign of the Boards of Education, Home Missions and Foreign Missions to raise the full budget of \$500,000.00 in the last year of the quadrennium.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Rev. C. W. Bates and the North Carolina friends for special funds for Revs. J. Clyde Auman, and Rev. J. F. Minnis, members of the North Carolina Conference, and now laboring in Japan and India, respectively.

Thanks were also tendered to the theological students at Westminster Theological Seminary for the gift of a hundred dollars each to Revs. C. S. Heininger of China, Rev. J. C. Auman of Japan, and Rev. J. F. Minnis of India, "to be used as they think best."

This expression of friendship and of interest in their former associates' labors abroad, coming from students of limited means, is very commendable.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

The steady growth of the Board's work in the three countries, as shown by the numerous baptisms and accessions to the churches, and enquirers enrolled, and the increase of the student enrollment in our institutions, additions to our properties, and reasonable extension of our operations, and the varying conditions found in the three fields, and their pressing needs have constantly commanded the best thought and most careful decisions of the Board whose resources have been inadequate.

The Board's working capital is derived from the churches, the Sunday schools, the C. E. Societies, and the friends of the cause, and varies each year.

The administrative expenses here at home are kept, by rigid economy, at the lowest possible point consistent with efficient service.

The expenditures of the three mission fields are the fixed salaries of the missionaries, and the annual Budget of expected expenses submitted annually by each Mission to the Board for its approval from which, as assets, are deducted the contributions from the churches, and the fees and tuition from the students of our schools.

The sending of new missionaries to the field and returning missionary families to America on furlough, being outside of the regular annual Budget, make additional calls upon the treasury, and those items this quadrennium helped considerably to increase the expen-

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To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in session at Tiffin, Ohio, May 21st, 1924,

Dear Brethren:—

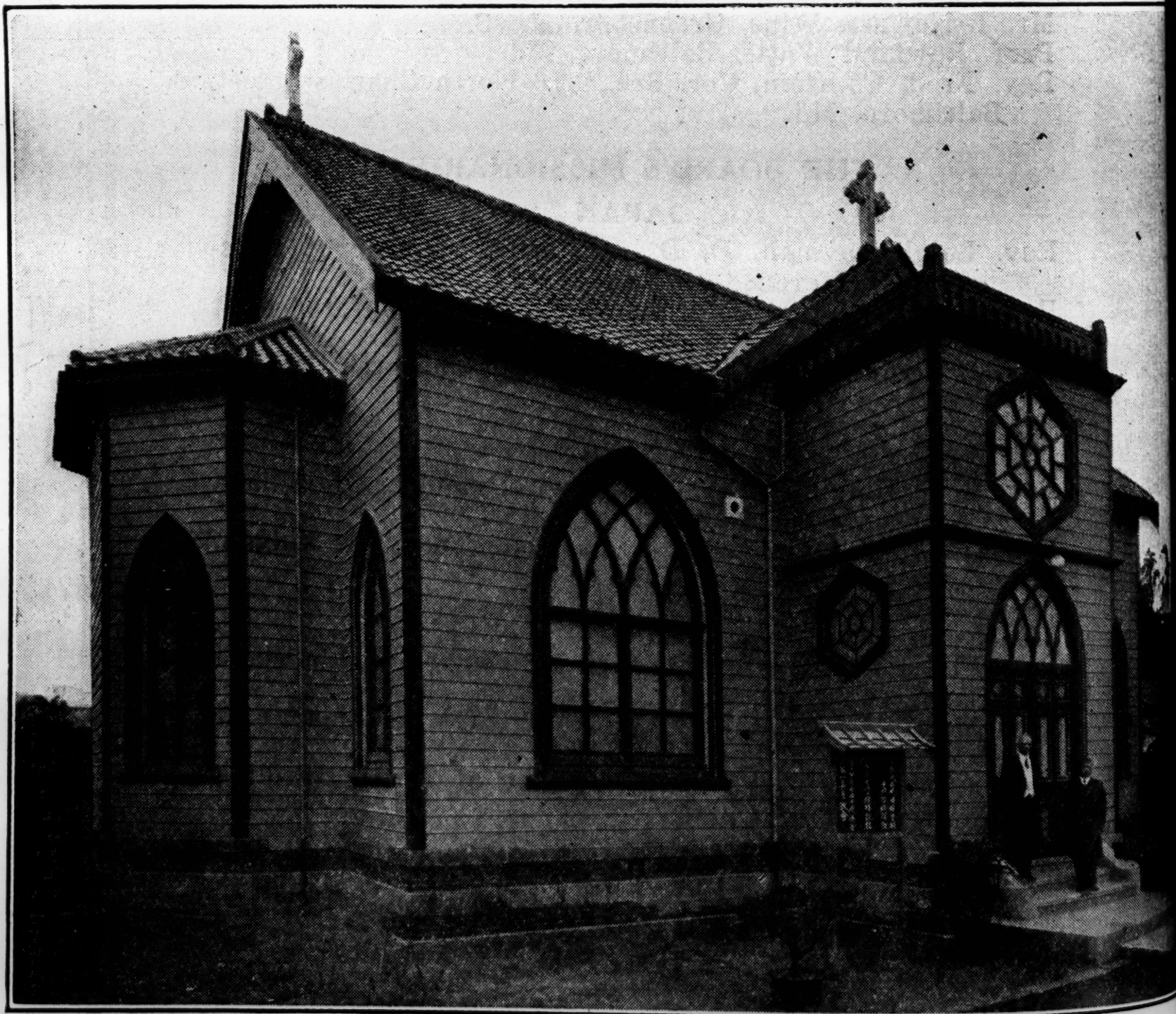
The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits the report of its administrative affairs at home, and of the progress of the work in Japan, China and India for the quadrennium May 1st, 1920, to April 30th, 1924.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board held its regular quarterly meetings, and all items of business were given careful consideration, the sole aim being to conserve and develop our foreign missionary enterprise.

The proceedings of the Board meetings were published in the church papers, and the church was kept informed of the plans at home, and the progress of the work abroad by weekly articles in the church papers, and annual reports were published and mailed to our pastors and others.

The sudden death of Rev. Dr. E. H. Vandyke, May 24th, 1921, greatly shocked the Board. He was conveying his father's remains across the Chesapeake Bay for interment when stricken. The sec-



First Church, Yokohama

The conference is well organized with 20 ministers and 17 preachers, evangelists, is doing excellent work, and its ministers, it is admitted, are the peers of those of other churches. The territory is over 300 miles in length.

CHINA—The China Mission Conference was organized at Kalgan, China, December 12th, 1919, with one American minister, one Chinese minister, and nine preachers and nine delegates. Rev. Dr. C. S. Heininger was appointed president by the Board. Ten charges were represented.

The standing district committee is used as the president's cabinet in superintending the work.

Two graduates from the Peking Theological Seminary united with the conference in 1923, and others are to follow, one graduate from Drew Seminary at Madison, N. J., in June next, and is accredited to the 1924 General Conference by the conference, Mr. Wm. Wang.

The leaders of the conference have a Students' Aid Society, and are helping deserving students in school.

The Milton Stewart Fund of California has granted annually \$500.00 for special evangelistic work, and the training of selected men of our churches for teaching classes of enquirers in the large district, and the results have been very satisfactory.

The conference held a memorial service for the late Mrs. Harold Hamnett, wife of Dr. Harold Hamnett, the Board's medical missionary, who passed away at Kalgan, July 3rd, 1922. She was the first missionary of the Board to fall at the front.

Dr. C. E. Heininger has been continued as president of the conference, and represents the conference in the General Conference.

Our large district contains a number of walled towns of 100,000 population, and no other Mission operates therein, except one in Kalgan.

The conference members show marked interest, and their requests and suggestions indicate knowledge of conditions, and point the way to better service and larger results.

INDIA—Preliminary steps were taken January 28th, 1924, in the organization of the India Mission Conference with one American minister, two Indian ministers and nine preachers.

Rev. J. F. Minnis was appointed president by the Board.

Our Mission's territory has been definitely determined by written agreement with the Swedish Alliance Mission, and the district has been divided into six circuits, Dhulia and surrounding villages, and five others have 91 villages as appointments, and preachers have been stationed at important centers, two to each place.

Evangelistic tours were made by Mrs. F. W. Theophilus, accompanied by preachers and Bible women, and with several tents for accommodations and the services, through the district yearly with increasing success.

The work in India is still in its formative stages, but is full of promise, and with more thorough organization larger returns can be expected.

THE BOARD'S MISSIONARIES

Doctor Harold Hamnett, practicing physician and surgeon, with a fine practice at Ohio, Illinois, was elected the Board's first medical missionary, and he and his family reached China, December, 1920.

He attended the Peking Language School, and took up his work at Kalgan dispensary and at several out-stations.

A hospital was projected, and plans submitted to the Board, and pending changes therein Mrs. H. Hamnett, beloved wife of Doctor Hamnett, passed away at Kalgan, July 3rd, 1922. The Board cabled



China Mission Conference, Organized December 12, 1919

ditures, as two families were sent to Japan, one returned from Japan to America, one family went to India, and two families returned from China to the United States.

Then sudden emergencies arise, such as typhoons and earthquakes, and the damages they create are a further demand upon the Board's income.

THE MISSION CONFERENCES

JAPAN—The Japan Mission Conference was organized in Yokohama, September, 1892, with three American ministers, one Japanese minister, five Japanese preachers, and two delegates.

The Conference now embraces the nineteen organized churches; and nearly all of the missions of the former large Yokohama-Tokyo District.

The Mission, the Board's representative, has charge of a number of missions with preachers and evangelists.

A mission to become an organized church and have conference relation must reach the prescribed standard of membership and contributions.

Since 1919, by the Board's action, the conference has elected its president, the term of office has been limited to three years.

The present incumbent is Rev. I. Inanuma, a man of fine character and ability.

The conference in 1922 held a memorial service for the late Rev. Dr. E. H. Van Dyke, who had been its president for a number of years, and had been identified with the conference from its origin, and was held in high esteem.

The Conference has a Ministerial Education Committee, instead of a Board, and not only passes upon applicants for the ministry and renders them financial aid, but exercises direct watchful care over them during their period of preparation.

The conference conducts a monthly paper entitled "A Voice in the Wilderness," and elects the editors annually. The pastors are contributors, and the paper is also used as a tract for distribution.

The conference is represented in the General Conference by Rev. Dr. Leigh Layman, at home on furlough, and by Miss Fumi Jo, attending Chicago University.

Westminster Theological Seminary, and a member of our North Carolina Conference, sailed for India September 15th, 1922, and reached Bombay October 21st, 1922. Both attended the Language school at Poona, passed successfully the first year's examinations, and took up the work at Dhulia in October, 1923.

Rev. C. G. Soderbom, formerly in the Swedish Mission in China, and for some time in the employ of our Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was secured for the Board's work in China March 1, 1922, and later his son, Erik, was employed as assistant and teacher. The China Mission Conference granted him license to administer the ordinances.

Miss Mattie Long was the Board's missionary in charge of its Girls' School in Dhulia, India, from its transfer to the Board in 1917 until its relinquishment to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society October 1st, 1922, the Society having paid her salary for about two years previously. She had been in poor health for some time, and it was found necessary for her to return to America in charge of the Society's trained nurse, Miss Munn, and they arrived in Boston October, 1923, and she was in her family circle several weeks, and underwent an operation in the hospital at Alexandria, Louisiana, and passed away there November 20th, 1923.

The Board expressed its sincere sympathy to her sorrowing relatives, and mourns the loss of an intelligent, faithful, consecrated missionary.

Rev. L. Layman, D. D., a member of the Pittsburgh Conference, and in point of service the Board's oldest missionary, after seven years of faithful labor in Japan, returned to America August, 1923. Mrs. Layman had preceded him on account of the serious illness of her only sister. Their two daughters had returned to America several years ago to finish their education.

Rev. C. S. Heininger, D. D., a member of the Indiana Conference, having labored successfully in China for seven years, part of the time as our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's missionary, but from June 15th, 1919, in charge of the Board's work when seven-eighths of the Society's work was transferred to it, returned with his family on furlough April, 1924.

Mrs. Florence Williams Theophilus, some time after her marriage desired to be transferred to a mission in North India, but the Board interposed objection, as Rev. J. F. Minnis was at the Language School two hundred miles away, and it would have left the work without the needed supervision of a missionary.

At a later date the Board accepted one of the two propositions from Mrs. Theophilus which resulted in her retirement from the Mission with generous provision made for a six-months vacation upon reasonable conditions.

CORPS OF WORKERS, EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

JAPAN—There are 20 ministers and 17 preachers, evangelists, total 37.

CHINA—There are two ministers and 20 preachers, 3 evangelists, total 25.

INDIA—There are three ministers, nine preachers, five Bible women, total 17. Total in the 3 fields, 79.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL ORGANIZATIONS

JAPAN—There are 19 organized churches, 13 organized chapels and 24 other preaching places, total 56.

CHINA—There are 13 organized churches, and 7 other preaching appointments, total 20.

INDIA—One organized church, others forming, and over 100 villages to be supplied by pastors.

its deep sympathy to Dr. Hamnett. Mrs. Hamnett was greatly esteemed for her fine qualities, and she rendered excellent service, and won the respect and appreciation of the Chinese, to whom she ministered faithfully, and she will be long mourned by a large circle of friends.

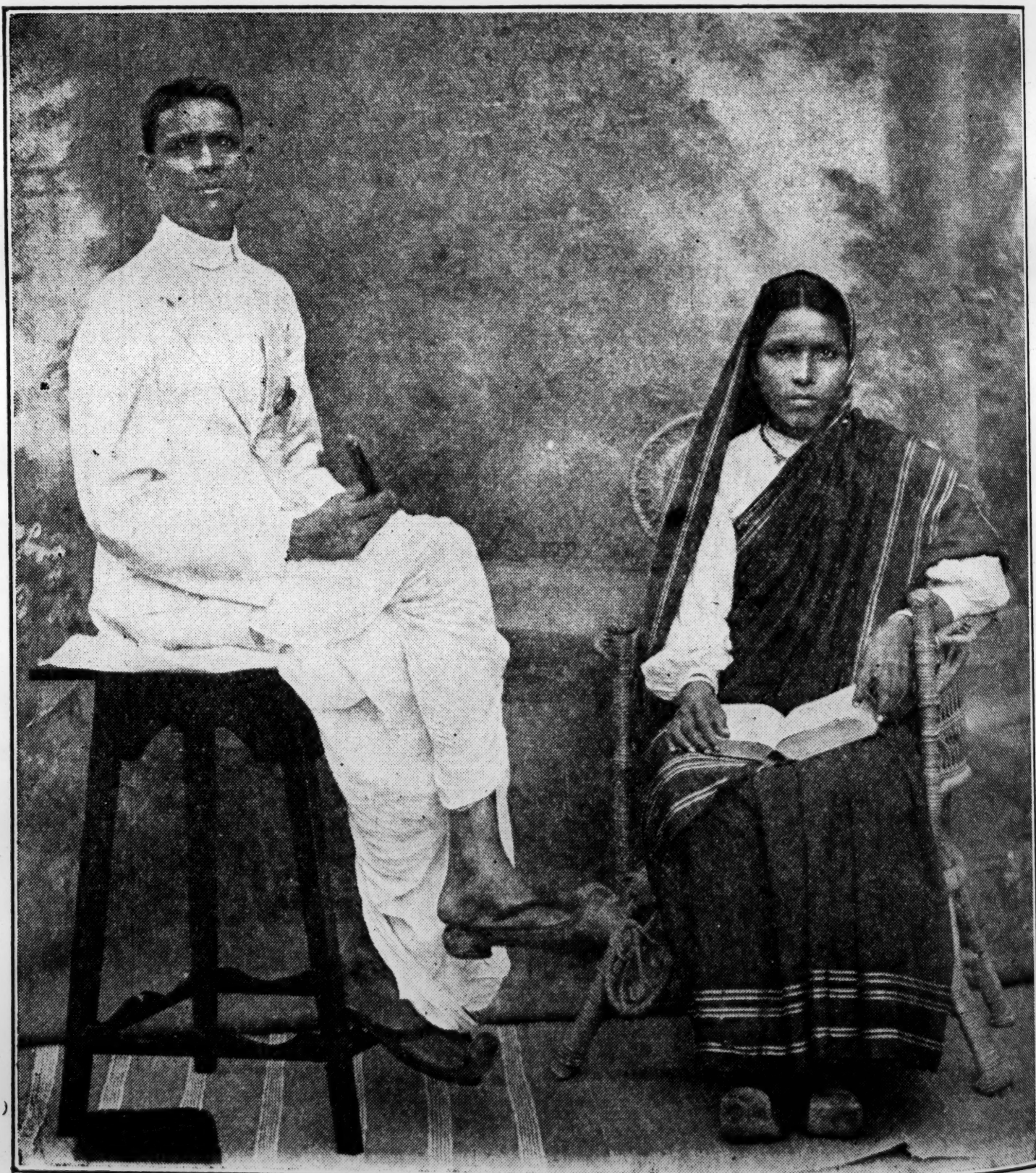
Dr. Hamnett felt compelled to return to America with his daughter, and his wife's remains were brought to America for interment at Rockford, Ill.

He met with the Board March, 1923, gave considerable information about the work, and after due consideration determined not to return to China, and was released by the Board.

Rev. E. I. Obee and family, at the expiration of his furlough in America, left two of his children here in school, and returned to Japan for another term of service, and reached Yokohama July 11th, 1921.

Rev. J. Clyde Auman and wife, both graduates of Elon College, and he of our Westminster Theological Seminary, and a member of our North Carolina Conference, reached Japan, December 29th, 1921, and soon thereafter both entered the Tokyo Language School, and after a year's study took up the work at Nagoya College, April 1st, 1922.

Rev. J. F. Minnis and wife, he a graduate of Elon College and



Rev. and Mrs. L. Chandekar

C. S. Heininger's furlough in America, and Rev. J. F. Minnis is alone at Dhulia, India, and the Board fully recognizes that every consideration involved emphasizes the imperative need of another missionary at each center, and men having the necessary qualifications are being sought.

INDIA—There were 40 baptisms and there are three waiting for baptism.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

JAPAN—The Tokyo Blind School's enrollment, despite the destruction of the building and contents by the great earthquake and fire, was 99, the school having resumed operations at an early date under the vigorous management of Rev. Wada.

The enrollment of the Yokohama School of English was 307, previous to being wiped out by fire, and has not been resumed, as suitable quarters are lacking in the devastated region.

The Hiratsuka Night School had 30 enrolled, and the Yokkaichi Night School had an enrollment of 40.

The enrollment of Nagoya College, up to March 31st, 1924, was 1040. In 1920 the enrollment was 624: 114 graduated at commencement March, 1924; 110 students were baptized; one graduate decided to enter the ministry.

The Nagoya College students contributed Yen 4,000 (equal to \$2,000) to equip the gymnasium, the Board moved the building and built an addition for spectators, the total expense being \$1,000. It is the best gymnasium in the city.

The Board was agreeably surprised to learn that under the able leadership of Mr. K. Kimura, the principal, the students and friends of the institution took vigorous steps to raise a fund of Yen 50,000 (equal to \$25,000), for new buildings and equipment and to March 31st had raised Yen 47,000.00.

Already the east and the west wings have been built to the main building, and other improvements are to follow. Only \$500 was asked for necessary campaign expenses, but hardly one half of that amount has been called for.

The Board felt assured the regular receipts would be sufficient to build the long-delayed church for the college and the surrounding neighborhood, and the science hall, and, in view of the munificent sum the Japanese friends were contributing, the Board agreed to erect the two structures.

As set forth in this report, the Board's receipts have been insufficient to meet the regular obligations of the work, and the Board's inability to carry out its agreement has created an embarrassing and humiliating situation for the missionaries, their Japanese collaborators and the Board.

The Budget for Nagoya College for the year 1924-25 is in U. S., \$29,001; but the assets represented by fees and tuition will amount to \$26,302. Total amount the Board is to pay, \$2,698.50. But "special repairs, general repairs, cottage repairs, school furniture, laboratory material" amount to \$2,845, and insurance, taxes, fuel, etc., and building a tower to main building are also included in the Budget.

CHINA—In the lower primary schools conducted at five centers, January 1st, 1924, 147 were enrolled, and in the one higher primary and one middle school and one night school in Kalgan there were 108 enrolled, total 255.

One foreign and one Chinese teacher have been secured for the Kalgan school, in view of Dr. Heininger's furlough, and to meet the growth of the school.

The Field Day, the first held in Kalgan, was participated in by the different schools of the city on our school's compound, and was very successful and brought our school into prominence.

In the three fields there are 33 organized churches, 13 organized chapels and over 120 other appointments .

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

To April 1st, 1924—

JAPAN—Church members, 2048; probationers, 315. Number of Sunday schools, 54; Sunday school scholars, 3234.

CHINA—Church members, male, 1389, female, 174; total, 1565; probationers, 895; Sunday schools, 5; scholars, 272.

INDIA—Church members, 175; Sunday schools, 6; scholars, 445.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

JAPAN—There are two, and three candidates for the ministry.

CHINA—There are four, one in U. S. Seminary.

INDIA—There are nine.

EVANGELISTIC ITEMS

JAPAN—Our first Japanese superannuate is Rev. M. Ohgimi, of Toyko, the founder of our Tokyo Blind School, and able minister. He prepared a Greek-Japanese lexicon. Rev. H. Hata is also a superannuate. Both of these brethren rendered faithful service, and have the sympathy and love of their brethren.

300 students of Nagoya College enrolled as enquirers at the special meetings last fall, and 90 were baptized the last quarter of 1923.

The Japan Mission presented to the Board the matter of a superannuate fund for our retired Japanese ministers.

CHINA—The tenth station was opened at Wanchuan to be a center for extending operations.

The missionaries of the Board and the Society adopted "Principles of Missionary policy," and they were approved by the Board and Society later.

Dr. C. S. Heininger was expecting to translate the discipline into Chinese, as only parts of it are now available.

Rev. C. G. Soderbom is alone at Kalgan, China, during Rev. Dr.



Japan Mission Conference

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report will show that the actual working receipts of the Board for the first two years of the quadrennium were about \$56,000.00 each year, but that there was a decrease of over \$11,000 in the third year and of \$8,000 the fourth year, as compared with the first two, in the face of extra demands from the field which are not sufficiently manned or equipped.

The large decrease of the last two years came from the operation of the new plan of distributing the budget as ordered by the Executive Committee by which the Board's share of the "budget distribution" what the churches contribute, was small, for in a period of several months nothing was received from the "budget distribution," because in that period the children's day offerings from the Sunday schools made up the Board's percentage, whereas in the two first years of the quadrennium the Board received its percentage of what the churches contributed, and also all the Children's Day offerings which the Sunday schools gave.

The decrease in the receipts as noted, the movement of missionaries and the imperative demands of the work, together with the church's treasurer statement that he could not carry the Board's deficit, compelled the Board to sell a large block of its Liberty Bonds held in reserve from the Million Dollar Campaign, and a similar condition arising this last year the Board authorized the sale of its other Liberty Bonds.

And this too despite the fact that the Board had to negotiate two loans totalling \$11,000, but we are satisfied that the Board would have no debt if the plan of distributing the budget had not been changed in the middle of the quadrennium.

The receipts of the quadrennium ending May, 1904, for the Board were \$65,604.33. The receipts through the regular channels, not including the Million Dollar Campaign, in the quadrennium ending May, 1920, were \$152,090.10, and the receipts from the regular channels in the quadrennium just closed were \$207,617.55.

SPECIAL GIFTS

The support of native pastors, theological students, the rent of native houses used as chapels, etc., continue to hold the interest of Sunday schools, C. E. Societies, and individuals, and as special means of increasing the interest of our people and helping the Board's work the plan is to be earnestly commended.

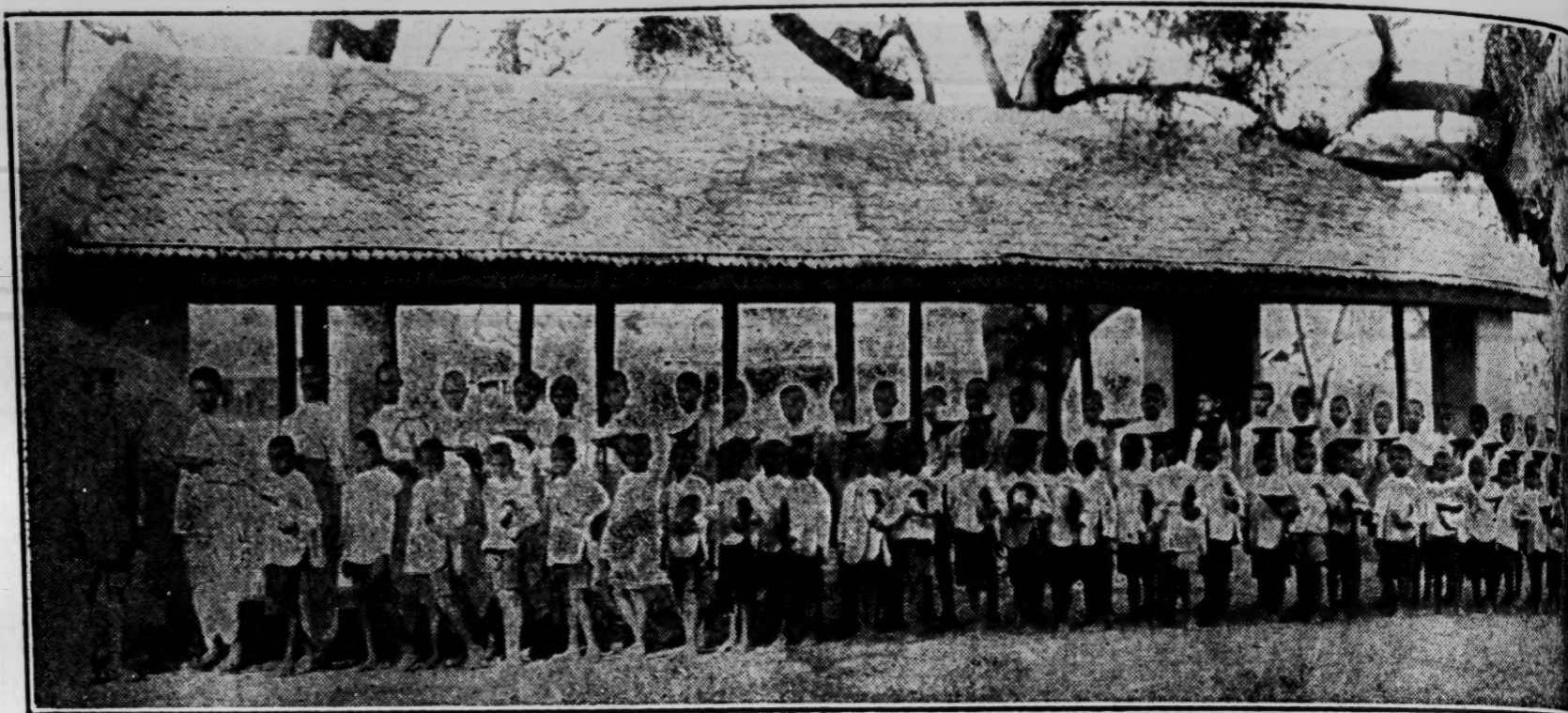
ANNUITY FUND—Numerous articles were published in the church papers in regard to the Board's annuity plan and a number of inquiries resulted therefrom, and during the quadrennium several have made gifts to the fund, and received the Board's bond guaranteeing the payment of the interest thereon during life.

The Board's securities are held by Prof. R. Watts and the Secretary in the Trust Company's vault, and access is only allowed when both are present.

THE CRAWFORD FARM—This farm of fifty-six and a third acres near Pittsburgh, Pa., was bequeathed to our Board and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church by the late Mr. Crawford, of Pa., a Presbyterian, who became interested in our church in his community.

A small oil royalty each month has been received, and the farm has been rented to a farmer. Fire destroyed the barn on which \$1000 insurance was received, and a temporary barn was erected.

Coal was supposed to be there, but the coal company did not find the deposit when it made a boring. An offer for the property has been made of \$13,500, the amount decided on by Rev. Dr. J. C. Broom-



Students of Dhulia, India, Boys' School Before Their Dining Hall

City government officials, school authorities, visitors and the students made a crowd of about 1200 to witness the different feats, and the American consul and others spoke in high praise of the exercises.

INDIA—The Dhulia Boys' School had an enrollment of 69, and with increased accommodations, and under Rev. J. F. Minnis' direct oversight it is destined to play a very important part in our Mission, for schools are one of the outstanding needs of India.

The Girls school at Dhulia, which the Board of Foreign Missions had conducted since 1917, was handed over to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as of October 1st, 1922, the Society having expressed their desire to have it, and it being the Board's original intention that the school should come under the Society's care when they were able to conduct it, in accord with the action of the General Conference, 1884, which gave work for women and girls to the Society.

The Board holds title to the property, but gave the Society a paper guaranteeing them possession, free of rent or other financial considerations, and full equity in the buildings they pay for, and in all improvements they may hereafter make.

MEDICAL WORK

CHINA—Dispensaries were conducted in Kalgan and in three other large towns by Chinese, but the sending of Dr. Harold Hamnett to prosecute medical work led to the forming of plans for a union hospital with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who had Dr. Elenor Fleagle in Kalgan. As indicated elsewhere in this report, the death of Mrs. Hamnett, and the return of Dr. Hamnett to America necessitated the holding of all building plans in abeyance.

The general plan contemplated the building of wards by the Board and the Society on the Boys' School compound as it is near the city wall, and both organizations were to share equally in providing equipment and the maintenance of the parts of the building used in common. The Board's ward was to cost \$5000.

INDIA—The building of the infirmary or hospital in the Girls' School's compound in Dhulia was to have been a union enterprise by the Board and Society, and the building was started before Miss Long was compelled to return to America on account of failing health, but was held up for a season. Inasmuch as only small boys can be admitted under the new plan, it being mainly for women and girls, the Society will have the management of it as part of their work although larger plans may be developed later.

The failure of so many schools to hold a Children's Day Service is a distinct loss to the schools themselves, and to the church of the future now being trained in our schools, for they are not being provided with this part of missionary education, and it is a distinct loss to the Board's income and tends to cripple and retard the work abroad.

PROPERTY INTERESTS

JAPAN—An attractive church, foreign style of construction, was dedicated at Yokkaichi, the cost was \$3000, and gives permanency to our work at that growing seaport, about twenty miles across the bay from Nagoya.

The Oyama church, in the midst of a great cotton spinning section, was enlarged and improved, and the parsonage at Takaoka was remodeled to make it suitable for holding church services as well as a home for the pastor of the circuit.

The parsonage at Shizuoka had additional rooms built.

A new parsonage, costing \$1250, was built at Atsuta, a suburb of Nagoya, and where Rev. E. I. Obee lives, and it is so arranged that church services can be held regularly, pending the construction of the church. The Atsuta community church was to be a part of the union work conducted by the Board and Society, buildings as each organization required were to be built, the northeast corner of the ground purchased by the Society was to be taken over by the Board, the Society retaining the title and giving the Board a suitable paper, for the purpose of erecting the church thereon, but the matter has been held in abeyance as the Board lacks the necessary funds.

At Nagoya College the main building, foreign style of construction, was moved across the street to the center of the ground, around which the other buildings are grouped.

Lafayette cottage was moved to the side of the lot, and thereby ample space has been secured for the college and community church to occupy the corner site.

The gymnasium was moved and an addition, seating 500, was built, and equipment, secured with Yen 4,000, contributed by the students. The institution has an up-to-date gymnasium, the best in the city.

The second main building, of semi-foreign construction, has been enlarged and improved, and with the moving of other buildings the institution is beginning the completion of its plans, and all school work will be on one large plot of ground.

The splendid students fund of Yen 50,000, referred to at some length under Educational Department in this report, provided for the construction of two large wings to the main building, and the Board is having a tower constructed at the entrance which will hold the large bell contributed by the Hurlock, Md., church several years ago, and the buildings have been painted, the paint shipped from America.

A great storm damaged the buildings to the amount of over \$1200. The building of the Yokkaichi church, parsonage, remodeling others and moving, enlarging, etc., the college buildings, and storm damages called for nearly \$17,000.

CHINA—Sanlichuan Chapel, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, of Kalgan, costing \$450, was dedicated.

Property was bought at Hsuanhuafu and the chapel remodeled with special funds sent from America to Dr. Heininger.

Property at Hsiheyang consisting of land and buildings, which the Board had been renting for church and dispensary, etc., uses, was put on the market, and was bought by our pastor, Kao, with borrowed funds, and appeal was made for its purchase for \$325, and Mr. A. B. DeCamp, of New Jersey, seized the opportunity to make a fine investment for the Kingdom.

field and Mr. W. Harbison, representatives of the two Boards, after a careful investigation on the spot. Both Boards have agreed to sell the property at the price named.

REQUESTS—The Board received a legacy of \$790.50 from the late Mrs. Eleanor Nugent, of New York.

Information is at hand that the Board is to receive a legacy from the estate of the late Mrs. Alice M. Furry, of Seattle, Washington.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church has sent us a copy of the will of the late Mrs. J. C. Berrin, in which both the Boards are made her residuary legatees.

By the will of the late Mr. T. E. Harrison, of St. Michaels, Md., the Board is to receive one thousand dollars, the interest of which he directed should be applied to the education of young men for the ministry in our foreign missionary fields.

The McGraw mortuary note for \$300 was paid upon the death of Mrs. A. McGraw.

THE CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE

The service has maintained its high character with illustrations, facts and figures of the work, excellent music, recitations, exercises, pageants, and beautiful front covers specially designed and painted for us, and it has become an important factor in the missionary education of the children and young people of our church.

Two sets of large illustrated posters were sent to the school this quadrennium, and collection envelopes and colored mite boxes have accompanied the supplies.

It is deplorable that one-half or more of our Sunday schools do not hold a Children's Day Service, and do not make any offering for the Board's work, although all the supplies are sent free to our schools, and despite earnest efforts to have all our schools carry out the provision of the discipline.



Group of Church Members of Hirstsuka Church, Dedication

Boys' School at a cost of \$1000, and repairs were made on one of the dwellings to be occupied by Rev. J. F. Minnis and wife.

Previous to handing the Girls' School over to our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as noted elsewhere in this report, the Board built a massive stone wall around the front part of the large compound and four stone buildings—dining hall, teachers house, granary, etc., and two cheap grade houses were added, costing in all \$7000. In addition extensive repairs were made on the main buildings, etc. While Miss Mattie Long was the Board's missionary she collected from friends about \$3000 for an infirmary or hospital as a memorial to one of the endeared girls who passed away, and the balance required for its erection was to be provided by the Board in the main, but the development of the enterprise is set forth under "Medical Work" in this report.

For a mere nominal sum the Government granted a fine site for a new station at Khed. The land faces both sides of the highway.

THE SETTLEMENT

Many of our India people were ostracized from their villages when they became Christians, and the Government granted 100 acres about four miles from Dhulia on a plateau overlooking a number of villages, and near a large lake, where they are being taught to become self-supporting.

A large well is being dug through solid rock, and will have cisterns to irrigate the land in drought and famine times.

Cotton seed from Louisiana was sent out, and the last report was that weather and other conditions are favorable for good crops.

Rev. J. F. Minnis was brought up on a farm, and took out seeds and implements when he went to Dhulia, and is introducing better methods and will secure better returns from the different departments it is expected. He is pleased with the outlook.

THE INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

This great movement was started in 1919, and in the development of its plans it became necessary for the Board of Foreign Missions, in common with all participating organizations of other Protestant denominations, to underwrite an amount equal to one-fifth of the askings of the Board, said askings representing the needs of its work.

In order to finance the movement several million dollars were borrowed from the Bankers Trust Co., of New York.

It was hoped, of course, that the movement would be abundantly able to finance all its plans, but, as is well known, seeming insurmountable obstacles arose and a collapse followed with the attendant demands of the Bankers Trust Co. for their money advanced on the strength of the underwritings.

The Board of Foreign Missions made its payments at the times specified, the amount being \$4,950, and received from the Bankers Trust Co. its guaranty, and thus our relation to the movement ceased.

What was derived from the operations of the movement in cash can be ascertained from the treasurer's report.

It is a great satisfaction to state that the movement, thanks to the generous gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of over one million dollars, was able to close up its affairs with a small balance.

THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN

The outstanding event of the quadrennium was the unparalleled disaster which overtook the most populous section of Japan, September 1st, 1923, when by earthquake, fire and tidal wave the city of Yokohama was wiped out and also a great portion of Tokyo, the cap-

Dr. C. S. Heininger bought an excellent property at Chaikoupu, well located, and will give us a permanent place at a cost of less than \$900.

He is trying to finance it without calling on the Board for aid.

The purchase of seven acres of land adjoining the city wall, Kalgan, for the boys' school and hospital, have been added to by buying small plots, and now the Board's properties touch the Society's compound on one side and the city wall on the other.

A direct entrance through the city wall into the city is to be secured, and will open up a residential section to the two schools.

A stone bridge over a sunken road, and a road have been built to facilitate entrance into the city, etc.

The Board purchased from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the "Center," in Kalgan, formerly offices of the Standard Oil Co., at a cost of \$5693.61. It has a chapel and accommodations for a dispensary, and is also used for the Board's night school. The buildings are one story, built around a hollow square, and are of brick, as is generally the case, timber being scarce in China.

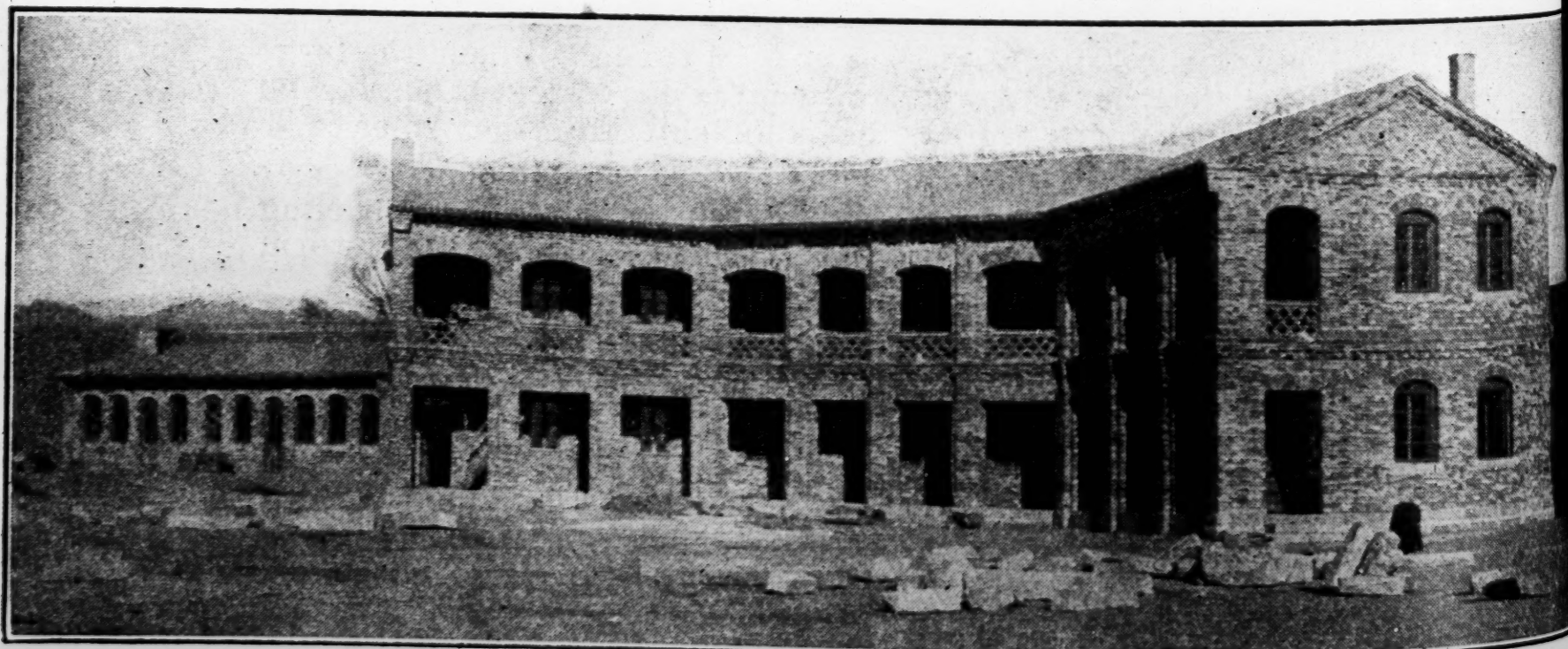
A small three cornered lot was bought from the Society, and several small buildings were removed and rebuilt for homes of the pastor and teachers of our Boys' School.

The erection of the fine brick building for the Boys' School at Kalgan is a long step forward. It is over 130 feet at its longest length, two-story arched porches on each floor the entire length, and cost the Board only \$5,000, but its actual cost was \$7,000. Special gifts from Dr. Heininger's friends and favorable exchange made it possible. Additional class rooms and assembly hall have been built, adding \$5000 to the value of the property. Kalgan friends contributed over \$2500 towards it. A house for the use of Dr. Hamnett and family had to be built, and a two-story brick building was erected at a cost of \$4250.

INDIA—A small house was bought at Kusumba and property at Songir for an out station.

A desirable property across the broad highway from the Girls' School's compound was bought for the Boys' School. It consists of two large two-story dwellings and a number of smaller buildings, large shade trees which are invaluable in India's heat, two deep wells and a large compound.

The entire cost, including repairs, building a stone wall around the property and gateway, etc., was \$11,500. The favorable rate of exchange prevailing when the check was received made all that possible. A building to contain class rooms, etc., has been erected for the



Kitchen and Dining Room, and Main Building, Boys School, Kalgan, China.

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	YEAR ENDING			
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Balance, May 1st.....	\$52,308.80	\$15,177.59	\$ 5,858.77	\$ 7,056.88
RECEIPTS				
BUDGET				
Children's Day.....	17,142.11	21,790.19	22,602.57	26,051.09
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Undesignated.....	17,517.01	19,081.87	5,014.10	4,939.95
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Interchurch Fund.....	1,722.26	452.32	190.14	.75
Specials (Not Budget).....	12,270.01	2,772.33	379.60	4,019.22
Denominational Young People's Union.....	2,144.73	2,037.97	2,853.03	1,225.00
Annuity—Russel Prouty.....			500.00	
Annuity Investment.....		400.00	15.00	3,000.00
War Saving Stamps Sold.....			635.00	160.00
Liberty Bonds Sold.....			23,790.45	8,666.79
Income from Liberty Bonds.....	864.14	1,737.46	1,138.20	377.29
Income from Annuities.....	433.80	749.89	543.51	449.88
Income from Crawford Farm.....	46.92	163.28	450.00	150.00
Refund Board Meeting Expense.....		73.90	2.12	
Refund Secretary's Expense.....	80.65	.50		19.91
Refund China Expense.....	75.00			
Refund Japan Expense.....	20.90	117.60		64.86
China Relief.....	5,230.65	871.55		
India Relief.....	31.00			
Notes Receivable (Interchurch).....	1,910.19			
Notes Payable.....		6,000.00		5,000.00
Interest on Deposits.....	924.60	496.11	45.00	255.98
Earthquake Relief.....				10,930.00
	<u>\$130,846.24</u>	<u>\$79,116.92</u>	<u>\$75,755.54</u>	<u>\$85,166.22</u>
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Office Expenses and Supplies.....	235.66	209.60	250.00	220.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	1,142.82	1,143.28	1,221.44	1,786.59
China Relief.....	4,595.50	1,504.70	2.00	
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Investment (Liberty Bonds).....	12,000.00			
Underwriting Interchurch Movement.....	4,950.00			
Interest on Annuities.....	697.33	674.00	715.50	793.00
Forward Movement Committee.....	59.37			
Salary and Expense (Missionaries at home).....	1,056.00			
Board Meeting Expenses.....	425.87	524.57	497.53	454.27
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Women's Foreign Missionary Society

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Greetings.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society submits to you the following report of its work during the quadrennium, May, 1920, to May, 1924.

In September, 1923, a deputation consisting of the Cor. Secy., the only religion which offers spiritual freedom to women, and that because of age-long tradition and custom in Oriental lands only women can do work among women, the W. F. M. S. has keenly felt its burden of responsibility for the souls of women in the districts assigned to the Methodist Protestant Church in India, China, and Japan. And because the hope of every nation lies in its children, Christian training for the little ones of these lands offers a wonderful opportunity to spread the knowledge of Jesus and His love to those who will be the leaders of the coming generation. The women of the Society have responded nobly to the appeals sent forth from time to time, and in every department of the work a gratifying increase both in interest and in funds can be reported.

HOME BASE

The Missionary Record, the monthly magazine of the Society, has been published regularly during the quadrennium. The subscription list has been largely increased, and the magazine is self-supporting. It is published in Cambridge, Ohio; the editor is Mrs. H. E. Amos.

The Society has also aided in the support of the Missionary Review of the World, and the Children's magazine "Everyland," and has made annual contributions toward the expense of publishing Christian literature for children in India, China, and Japan.

As a member of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions the Society has sent a representative to the annual meetings of the Federation, and the report of this representative is given a prominent place on the program of the annual meeting of the Executive Board.

In September, 1923, a deputation consisting of the Cor. Secy., Mrs. W. M. Sturgeon, and the Organizer, Miss Annie L. Forrest, was sent to visit the mission fields belonging to the church in India, China, and Japan. Mrs. Sturgeon returned to America in March and Miss Forrest expects to be back in time for the Board meeting in May.

In October, 1923, the "Flying Squadron" consisting of six members of the Society and returned missionaries, visited the Iowa-Missouri Branch and assisted in their meeting at Osceola, with very gratifying results.

JAPAN

In Japan a large building program has been carried out. At Hamamatsu the Julia E. Hickey kindergarten and a house for the caretaker have been built. Miss Alice L. Coats has had charge of this kindergarten since its opening in 1906.

The Murray Home in Nagoya was sold and with the proceeds a

The girls' school building, known as Muskingum Memorial, (the funds having been contributed by old Muskingum Branch) was erected under the supervision of Mrs. Hurst, in 1922. The school has had a steady growth, and now numbers 72 pupils. Miss Margaret E. Sloane was for two years the principal in charge, but the high altitude of Kalgan makes it impossible for her to live there any longer, so she is returning to her home in California. Mrs. W. E. Hines (Miss Vera Cronquist) is now in charge of the school, and hopes soon to open a kindergarten in connection with the other work. There are five Chinese teachers, and Mrs. Kao has a class of ten young women whom she is training to be Bible women.

Hospital facilities, especially for tubercular patients, are urgently needed.

INDIA

In India, our newest field of service, the salary of Miss Mattie Long, who was in charge of the school and orphanage at Birdwood, Dhulia, was paid by the W. F. M. S. from 1920 to September, 1922, at which time the Society assumed the entire support of the work for women and girls.

In December, 1922, Miss Sarah L. Munn, a trained nurse, was sent out, and in September, 1923, Miss Mildred Miskimenof, of Ohio, went as teacher. In 1923 the Suvarta Hospital was started on the mission grounds, and the first floor of the building erected; but the continued illness of Miss Long made it necessary for her to return to America, bringing Miss Munn with her to take care of her on the voyage. The work of building the hospital was of necessity stopped, there being no one left in Birdwood capable of supervising it.

A few weeks after reaching her home, Miss Long passed to her reward in the Heavenly Kingdom with the Saviour whom for a lifetime she had loved and served so well.

There are about 75 girls in the school and orphanage, making with the teachers and other helpers a household of ninety or more. The Bible women go out to the nearby villages every week, and tell the Gospel story and give the Jesus message to the heathen women and children.

In gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has given us the privilege of serving Him in His fields beyond the sea; and with heartfelt thanks to the members of the Methodist Protestant Church who have so loyally and generously supported the work of the W. F. M. S. in the past four years, this report is humbly submitted.

FLORA B. STURGEON, Cor. Secy.

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, President.

property was bought in Atsuta, containing a good Japanese house which has been used as a home for the missionaries and Japanese workers. When the lease expired for the ground on which the Kakiwa kindergarten stood, the building was taken down and rebuilt on the newly-purchased ground in Atsuta. This building is finished and in use now and school is being carried on under the supervision of Miss Ethel Hempstead, with an efficient corps of Japanese helpers.

At the Eiwa Jo Gakko, the girls' school in Yokohama, the new buildings for the quadrennium comprised a gymnasium, a missionaries' home known as the Annie R. Wilson Memorial, and a new wing added to the school. The cost of this new wing was \$10,000.00, half of which was given by the Japanese—graduates or friends of the school.

In the awful disaster of September 1st, 1923, when almost the whole of Yokohama was destroyed by earthquake and fire, the school property being on a hill was out of the zone reached by the fire, though badly damaged by the earthquake. The new wing and the McCaslin chapel were but slightly injured; the dormitory was badly shaken and twisted; the gymnasium collapsed completely, like a house of cards; the missionaries' home, besides being twisted and having plaster and tiles shaken off, had a great hole cut from roof to foundation by the chimney falling. Cement storage tanks for water were cracked and broken; the stone and iron gateway was thrown down; water pipes and lighting wires were twisted and broken. But in spite of the wreck, the property being out of the fire-swept district proved a refuge for hundreds of homeless and destitute who fled there for safety, and for many days the grounds were full of refugees. As soon as workmen could be obtained the debris was cleared away and repairs began, and gradually the place is regaining a semblance of its old beauty and orderliness. It is hoped that by the opening of the school term in September most of the buildings will have been restored.

The downtown kindergarten in Yokohama was moved several inches from its foundation, but was not burned, and is being strengthened and braced and repaired.

The dormitory for blind girls in Tokyo was but little shaken, and was untouched by the fire, so life goes on there as usual.

Missionaries and Teachers in Japan:

Miss Alice L. Coates.

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Miss Helen V. Barns.

Miss Ethel E. Hempstead.

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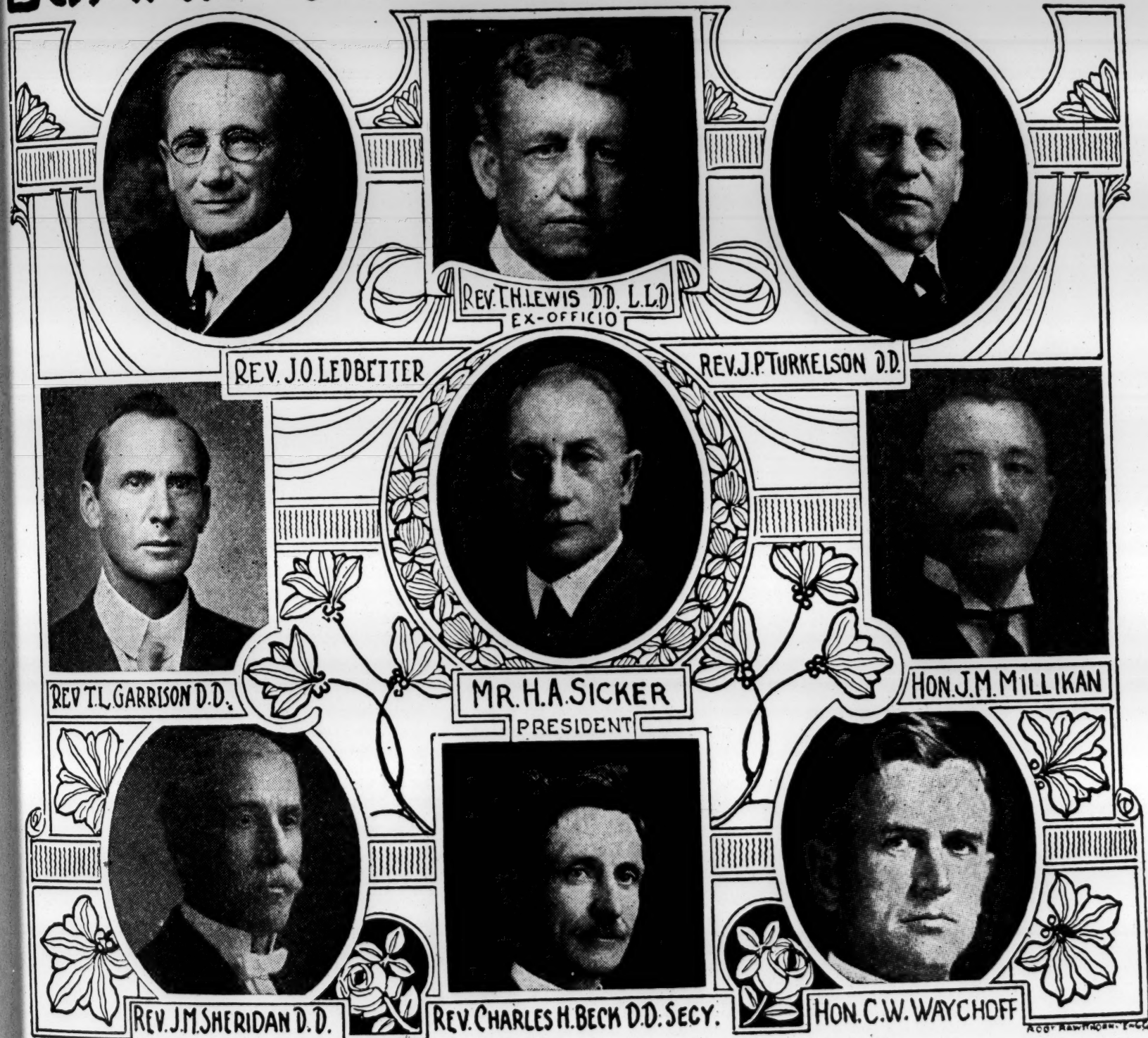
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CHINA

During the past four years our mission at Kalgan has suffered sorrow and loss. Of the three missionaries reported to the last General Conference as having been sent out the previous year, Miss Alice Shepherd lies in the little foreign cemetery, her grave near those of the first missionaries to Kalgan sent out by the American Board in 1866; and Mrs. Nellie C. Hurst and Miss Mabel Muller were forced because of ill-health to return to America.

Dr. Roberta Fleagle, who went out in the summer of 1920, is accomplishing a great work, ministering not only to the bodies but also the souls of the Chinese women who come to her for aid. She is accompanied on her trips to the dispensary and the outstations by Mrs. Kao, an earnest and consecrated Christian Bible-woman.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS



**THE QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

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1920-21.....	\$ 38,282.65	\$ 9,768.93	\$ 251.57	\$160.49	\$ 48,463.64
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1923-24.....	38,018.04	11,057.77	451.32	—	49,527.13
Totals.....	\$152,865.77	\$43,953.21	\$1,813.41	409.65	\$199,042.04

DISBURSEMENTS

	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	Totals	Building
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China.....	5,596.00	7,895.05	7,381.59	5,533.39	26,406.03	9,000.00
India.....	430.00	595.00	7,733.91	8,015.00	16,773.91	7,651.75
Home Base....	3,220.32	4,964.78	3,516.59	8,619.58	20,321.27	—
1921-24						
Space in S. S. Journals.....						\$ 1,222.40
Refund to B. of F. M.						806.39
Excess paid to General Treasurer.....						1,055.24
Interchurch W. M.						3,601.66
Language School, Peking.....						300.00
India Treasure Chest.....						150.00
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- XI. The closing section will present the forward look, with a suggested program for the next quadrennial period.

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**THE WOMAN'S
HOME
MISSIONARY
SOCIETY**

In this connection it would seem to be proper to discuss the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. From 1904 to 1916, the Woman's Board of Home Missions was auxiliary to The Board of Home Missions, but the relationship was not clearly defined, and the procedure was not always satisfactory. At the General Conference of 1912 it was provided that the President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions should be an ex officio member of the Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Board to bear her expenses in attending meetings, etc., and her membership to carry voting power only in connection with the special work of Woman's Board of Home Missions. This was a step in the right direction, but it did not go far enough.

Under the regulations, the Board of Home Missions was legally responsible for all obligations of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, but it did not have a voice in the meetings of the women where work was ordered involving financial obligation, and had no voice anywhere in controlling the activities of the organization. Of course it was necessary to correct this situation.

At the General Conference of 1916, The Board of Home Missions proposed such amendment to the law, as would make the relationship more definite, allow the Board a voice in all business and make it a real factor in planning for the development of the work. It was also proposed to make the President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions a Member of The Board of Home Missions, with all powers of any other member of the Board. It is our judgment that this was another step in the right direction, but it perhaps was not as far-reaching as it should have been.

The request of the Woman's Home Missionary leaders at the General Conference of 1916 was for the dissolution of the auxiliary relation heretofore existing between the Women's Board of Home Missions, and that the women of the church interested in Home Missions should be organized under their own independent charter.

We were consulted about the matter, and advised that the request be granted. It is only fair to say that the women have done their best Home Missionary work since this form of organization has been developed. However, we believe that much better work could have been done, had all the Home Mission work been kept together under one organization.

The Board of Home Missions has never had any feeling in this matter, except that of great interest in the work, and sympathetic regard for the workers. When the women indicated a desire for an independent organization we were among the first to advise that it be granted. We probably would never have referred to the matter at all except for the fact that we are constantly faced with all kinds of propositions for merging our several missionary agencies. It should be said that this Board of Home Missions is not opposed to a merger which will safe-guard all the interests involved. However, it has seemed to us as if such a merger should begin with departments, bringing all the Home Missionary agencies under one Board of Control, and all the Foreign Missionary agencies under one Board of Control, with a proper representation of both men and women on each board. If it is deemed wise to go farther and bring the entire missionary program of the church under the control of one Board, the organization should be developed along such lines as to conserve all our interests both at home and abroad. This in turn would require an organization by departments to make it most effective, with a membership large enough to give special consideration to every phase of

It is reported that there is a small conference in Arkansas, but we have been unable to get definite information concerning such a conference. There is an organization in and about Washington City, and Baltimore, known as The Colored Methodist Protestant Church, but the leaders seem to prefer their own fellowship, and have expressed no desire to unite with us.

The membership in all of these conferences is quite small, and the ministers poorly equipped in training, and in many cases lacking in natural ability. It would seem as if we are under obligation to these people and that a definite program of service should be developed for the Colored people who have chosen our Methodism.

Any plan for the development of our work in these conferences should also include a definite educational policy. To succeed we must build a well-trained, properly equipped ministry. This work will require a large expenditure of money to put it upon a proper basis, and there must be a long period of seed-sowing before we can be warranted in expecting a bountiful harvest. However, if the Methodist Protestant Church is willing to pay the price, a great work can be done among these people.

If the General Conference is disposed to seriously undertake this work, the development of the program should be referred to the Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions with instructions, and with funds adequate for the discovered needs.

8. The membership of the Board of Home Missions for the past quadrennium has been as follows:

Mr. H. A. Sicker, West Lafayette, Ohio, President
 Hon. J. M. Millikan, Greensboro, N. Car.
 Hon. C. W. Waychoff, Waynesburg, Pa. (Pittsburgh Conference)
 Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., Baltimore, Md.
 Rev. T. L. Garrison, D. D., Kansas City, Kansas.
 Rev. J. O. Ledbetter, D. D., Kansas City, Kansas (Indiana)
 Rev. J. P. Turkelson, D. D., Parkersburg, W. Va.
 Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., LL. D., Ex Officio, Washington, D. C.,
 President of the General Conference (Maryland)

II. CHANGES IN THE FORM OF OUR HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.

The Committee on Consolidation, of the General Conference of 1920, under section (b) item 3 of its report (See Journal, Page 36) after proposing the organization of a Committee to be known as the Administrative or Advisory Committee, offered the following:—

“That this Advisory or Administrative Committee be an ad interim committee to bring to the General Conference of 1924 a detailed plan of unification or consolidation of the bodies (The Board of Home Missions, The Board of Foreign Missions, The Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, and The Woman’s Home Missionary Society) which shall have had the approval of the four organizations, and which shall cover and protect all the interest concerned.”

This Administrative Committee prepared a form of consolidation to be effective when approved by all of the organizations involved, and which proposed an immediate merger of all missionary agencies and interests.

This paper was presented to the Board of Home Missions at the Annual Meeting in 1922, and was considered at some length. It was thought that the proposal for immediate consolidation had no warrant in the action of the General Conference quoted above, and in the judgment of the Board as expressed in discussion, the interests of the Board of Home Missions were not fully covered and protected. The paper was finally referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at a later meeting of the Board. This report will probably

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Idabel, Okla.*
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Mansfield, Ark.*
Quinton, Tipton, Luna, Okla.*

Georgia Conference

Superintendent*

Georgia Conference
(Colored)

Friendly Hill

Illinois
Conference

Canton
Chicago
Avalon Park*
Southfields*
Wakeford

Indiana
Conference

Frankfort*
Indianapolis
Grace*
Unity*
Victory Memorial*
Kendallville*
Logansport*
Muncie*
Norway

Iowa-Missouri
Conference

Kahoka, Mo.*
Carmel, Mo.*
Grace Chapel, Mo.*
Sisson Chapel, Mo.*
St. Francisville, Mo.*
Keokuk, Iowa

Kansas
Conference

Kansas City, Kas.
Gordon Place*
University Church*
Westheights*

Louisiana
Conference

Winnfield

Maryland
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Baltimore
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Grace Church
Calvary
Christ Church
Trinity
Cumberland
First Church
Dover, Del.
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Carbon
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1921

Arkansas Conference Superintendent	J. A. Harp
Asheville, North Carolina	T. M. Johnson
Berwick, Pennsylvania	A. C. Struthers
Charlotte, North Carolina	G. L. Curry
Columbus, Ohio	
West Lane Avenue	M. R. Stover
First Church	H. W. Maier
Comanche, Oklahoma	W. C. Banks
Coolidge, Texas	W. A. Sanders
Corsicana, Texas	L. W. Shivers
Detroit, Harger Memorial	Harry Godsell
Eagletown, Oklahoma	T. D. Ayers
Frankfort, Indiana	O. L. Thompson, W. L. Heitz
Fort Worth, Texas	W. E. Grove
Fort Smith-Oklahoma Missionary	
Superintendent	M. L. Matthews, O. W. Milburn
Greensboro, North Carolina	R. A. Hunter, N. M. Harrison
Haworth, Oklahoma	A. J. Rhoten
Hugo, Oklahoma	G. O. McMillan
Idabel, Oklahoma	J. A. Witmer
Indianapolis, Ind.	
Unity	C. J. Kerlin
Mansur Park	J. C. McCaslin, Nathaniel Vice
Victory Memorial	J. L. Buckley
Jacksonville, Florida	G. H. Hendry
Kansas City, Kansas	
Westheights	T. L. Garrison
University	S. C. Benninger
Keokuk, Iowa	S. C. Benninger, J. C. Leonard
Logansport, Indiana	C. H. Simons
Magnolia, Arkansas	J. A. Wade
Mansfield, Arkansas	S. L. Snapp, J. A. Moody
Montgomery, Alabama	J. S. Eddins
Paris, Texas	J. A. Phipps, W. L. Hamrick
Philadelphia, Emmanuel	W. P. Roberts, J. F. Bryan
Quinton, Oklahoma	O. W. Milburn, R. Underwood
San Angelo, Texas	J. A. Richardson
Seattle, Washington	
Ravenna Park	Geo. W. Beck
Seaview Park	O. B. Williams

1922

Arkansas Conference Missionary	J. A. Harp
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Asheville, North Carolina	T. M. Johnson, C. A. Isner
Berwick, Pennsylvania	A. C. Struthers
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	Washington, D. C. North Carolina Avenue Rhode Island Avenue Wilmington, Del. Peninsula Church
Michigan Conference	Adrian Bradley Detroit First Church* Harger Memorial* Flint Lansing Meridian*
Mississippi Conference	
North Carolina Conference	Asheville* Charlotte* Greensboro Grace Church West End Church* High Point First Church English St.* Lexington Superintendent*
North Mississippi Conference	
Ohio Conference	Coshocton Cincinnati Hyde Park* Mt. Lookout* Columbus First Church* Grace Church West Lane Avenue* McConnelsville Middletown* Mt. Vernon Zanesville Arkport*
Onondaga Conference	
Pittsburgh Conference	Pittsburgh Fourth Church* Squirrel Hill
Texas Conference	Corsicana* Coolidge* Fort Worth* Paris*
Washington Mission Conference	Seattle First Church* Ravenna* Seaview*
West Virginia Conference	Buckhannon Clarksburg Grafton Morgantown Parkersburg Rowlesburg* Spencer Weston*

Keokuk, Iowa	J. C. Leonard
Lincoln, Arkansas	L. M. Curtner
Logansport, Indiana	C. H. Simons
Magnolia, Arkansas	J. A. Wade
Mansfield, Arkansas	A. E. Gamage
Montgomery, Alabama	J. S. Eddins
North Mississippi Conference	T. C. Casaday
Superintendent	W. A. White
Paris, Texas	W. L. Hamrick, L. W. Shivers
Philadelphia, Pa., Emmanuel Church	J. F. Bryan
Quinton, Oklahoma	R. Underwood, J. W. Browers
San Angelo, Texas	J. A. Richardson
Seattle, Washington	
Ravenna	G. W. Beck
Seaview	O. B. Williams

1924

Asheville, North Carolina	L. W. Gerringer
Berwick, Pennsylvania	A. C. Struthers
Cincinnati, Mt. Lookout	T. L. Hooper
Charlotte, North Carolina	G. L. Curry, H. F. Surratt
Comanche, Oklahoma	W. C. Banks
Corsicana, Texas	W. A. Sanders
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Idabel, Oklahoma	H. W. Keller
Indianapolis, Indiana	
Grace Church	N. Vice
Victory Memorial	G. L. Farrow
Illinois Conference Superintendent	Frederic J. Baylis
Jacksonville, Florida	G. H. Hendry
Kahoka, Missouri	H. E. Marshall
Kansas City, Kansas	
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V. DETAILED DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

The law governing the operations of this Board requires the submission to the General Conference at each quadriennial session of a detailed descriptive report of all the fields under the care of the Board. This survey will be a hurried outline, but it will give the main facts concerning each mission field. If greater detail is required it can be secured from the office of the Secretary of the Board. This report will be given by conferences, and in alphabetical order.

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 Haworth, Oklahoma
 Hugo, Oklahoma
 Idabel, Oklahoma
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 Mansur Park
 Victory Memorial
 Jacksonville, Florida
 Kahoka, Missouri
 Kansas City, Kansas
 Gordon Place
 University
 Westheights
 Keokuk, Iowa
 Logansport, Indiana
 Magnolia, Arkansas
 Mansfield, Arkansas
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BROOKLYN, N. Y. This church was one of our most promising missions. But there came a quick change in population in the district, almost all of the property being taken over by the Jews, our people scattering to remote sections of the city. We were unable to colonize them anywhere. The Jewish people desired to purchase our property and a sale was negotiated which saved the investments of money made by both the Board and the Conference. Our regret is that we could not at least have saved a nucleus for another church, but it was absolutely impossible to do so.

NEW JERSEY This Board has never been able to respond to applications received from this city. However, as a matter of denominational strategy work should be taken up by the Board there at an early date. We have a struggling mission and have lost a number of good opportunities for development in Camden. A new bridge is just being completed at a cost of \$14,000,000 connecting this city with Philadelphia, which will mean much to the future development of Camden. Our Eastern Conference people are asking that we join with them in the establishment of a new church, or in the development of the one already under way. We have made no definite plans concerning this enterprise because of a lack of funds.

FLORIDA This is a new field, giving some promise of success. The work was organized a little more than three years ago, and was brought to the attention of our Board by the President of the Florida Conference. We have assisted in the support of the pastor, but have given no other help here. A neat chapel has been erected with a parsonage in connection, under local direction and responsibility, but there is a heavy debt. As a denomination we are but little known in Jacksonville, and we should if possible assist at an early date in the erection of at least the first unit of the permanent church. Unless this is done the chances for speedy success are not good, at First Church.

NORWOOD This is a northern suburb of Jacksonville, and is a very pleasant moderate priced residence section. We have here a neat chapel, unfinished, and in debt. The pastor is provided by their own efforts, but there is no possible hope for success with the sort of leadership they have secured. No man can give full time to business, make his ministry a side line and succeed. But no man can give his full time to the ministry without support. This is the situation in Norwood. Some plan should be made for a full-time Methodist Protestant pastor. The Board of Home Missions is the only agency through which this can be provided, and this Board has already undertaken more than the funds provided by the church will support.

FORT SMITH-OKLAHOMA This work has made some progress within the quadrennium. The properties have been cleared of debt, and put into good repair, the Board of Home Missions donating its mortgage. Improvements have been made, the membership has made some growth, and all in all the work has never been more promising than at the present time. The appropriations here, as in all this Southwestern territory, is regarded by our Board as being missionary, and are really for the entire conference rather than for one church.

DUNCAN There has been an open door for us in this growing city, but we have been unable to enter. It would be a fine thing for the standing of the denomination in the State if we would open new work in a number of these growing towns and cities.

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of the pastor and the erection of a church, provided the Board of Education went forward with the plan to establish a school for colored people in that city. Since that project is awaiting your decision no appropriations have been made and nothing has been done by this Board toward the establishment of a church at San Antonio.

**EASTERN
CONFERENCE**

**TRINITY CHURCH,
ATLANTIC CITY**

The section of the city in which this church was located has been almost entirely taken over by the colored people, and it seemed to be necessary to secure a new location. In order to make it possible to secure a desirable site, your Board of Home Missions made an appropriation for this purpose, advised the pastor and congregation, and rendered other assistance. Very fine lots were secured in Ventnor City, a portable chapel was secured, and work has been going forward successfully for nearly two years. Further assistance will probably be needed here when the time comes to erect the permanent church.

It is a matter of regret that neither our Board nor the Eastern Conference could finance another mission at the same time. There was a desirable location in Venice Park, nearer to the old Trinity location, than the new site, and near the homes of a number of our Trinity people, which should have been taken up as a Methodist Protestant Church. We were unable to finance the project, however, with the limited funds at our disposal, and were compelled to see it taken over by another denomination. The leading people in that organization were formerly connected with our work at Trinity. However, with the funds available, it seemed as if we could not do more and our best opportunity was in Ventnor City.

**BERWICK,
PENNSYLVANIA**

The work at Berwick had been closed during the previous quadrennium, but was reopened April 1, 1919, as reported to the last General Conference. However, it seems as if the unfortunate occurrences of some years ago have completely destroyed our hope of success in that city. We have kept one of our best men in the field, and have been unusually liberal in dealing with all phases of the work. We were able to hold a fairly good Sunday School in the afternoon, and have a fair evening congregation. But we were never able to secure any considerable support from the community either in membership or finances. A careful analysis of the situation during the summer of 1923 revealed the fact that our best people lived in other cities, the best support for the pastor was \$145 in one year, that ninety per cent. of the Sunday School membership was of persons who were in another Sunday School in the morning and those who attended our church and Sunday School when uniting with a church found a church home elsewhere. Our pastor was constantly being met with the stories of the unsavory reputation of the church in former years, and it seemed to be a waste of both time and money to continue the work. It was closed therefore in August, 1923, with the full approval of the President of the Eastern Conference. The parsonage has been sold, and the church is being offered for sale.

**NEW JERSEY
KEARNEY,**

This work has done well during the past four years. Our Board encouraged the local congregation to undertake the liquidation of its indebtedness by proposing to cancel our mortgage when all other outstanding obligations had been paid. The challenge was accepted, the conditions were met and the mortgage was surrendered to the congregation for cancellation. The work is making fair progress, new parsonage plans are under way and the outlook for the church has probably never been more hopeful than it is at the present time. This name will probably not appear again in our reports.

our best leaders in that territory, and who was President at the time the appropriation was made, insists that we have a fine opportunity for service in that country; that the Secretary of the Board should study the situation and make such appropriations as may be needed to adequately minister to all the territory allotted to us as a denomination.

MANSFIELD, ARKANSAS This church is located in the Arkansas Section of the conference. The location is strategic, but the work is not making satisfactory progress. We believe that the work should be continued, a good man secured to serve as pastor, and an energetic up-to-date program adopted.

QUINTON, OKLAHOMA The developments here have been disappointing, due in some degree to bad crop conditions and shifting populations. However, this location is strategic for our work in Oklahoma and Quinton must be held and developed.

SUPERINTENDENT For a number of years your Board of Home Missions has assisted in the support of the President of the conference, making him a missionary superintendent, and requiring regular reports of his work. This is probably the best investment we have made in the conference.

THE FIELD This is real "Home Mission Territory." At no other point in our denominational geography do we come as near to the Frontier as we do in Oklahoma. In the Arkansas section of the conference we deal with the "Ozark Country," older than the Oklahoma section, but perhaps needing assistance even more. There are four outstanding towns and cities, important centers in the conference and of great strategic value to us as a denomination. I refer to Oklahoma City and Prague in Oklahoma and Fayetteville and Fort Smith in Arkansas. There are many others, but these should receive first consideration. Then we should think of Ozark, Duncan, Chickasha and a number of other cities. We have a great empire in this territory, and much of the pioneer work has been done. But it will require a considerable investment of both men and money. If these can be provided our success is only a question of time and of efficient administration. The money being invested here is worth while both for the denomination and the Kingdom, but it will require much more to meet the opportunities and the needs. Unless we do more than we have ever done we cannot hope to have the success which is almost within our grasp. We must put enough men and money into that conference to impress the people with our ability and willingness to do the work on a scale commensurate with the needs and in line with that being done by other denominations. Success for us here is only possible when we meet these conditions and the field will not wait.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ATLANTA This name appeared in our report four years ago. Conditions have not seemed to require special action on the part of our Board. One church is making fair progress in that city, under the leadership of the Conference. But Atlanta is an outstanding Southern city, and it would be to the advantage of all our work in the South if we should establish a really representative church in the capital city of the State of Georgia.

SUPERINTENDENT For one year we assisted in the support of the Conference Evangelist, making him our Conference Missionary. On account of a lack of funds this plan was discontinued. We shall have another recommendation to offer in this connection.

EAGLETOWN This is real pioneer work. This work was taken up in the fall of 1920, and was carried by us for three years. The local people failed to make good on their agreements on salary and we could not secure a man for the salary planned except on a guarantee. The people were quite willing that we should cover the guarantee. In the fall of 1923 we were unable to secure the full time of the man that we were willing to support and they are being cared for this year by Rev. M. L. Matthews in connection with his work as teacher in the High School at Idabel. Some readjustments are necessary here and a new church should be built soon if we are to hold that territory and succeed.

HAWORTH, REDLANDS, SOCIAL CIRCLE This group has been known as the Haworth Circuit, and has been served by one pastor giving half time at the church in the town of Haworth. There are more Methodist Protestant Churches in McCurtain County than of any other denomination and more than we have in any other county in the State or conference. Our difficulty has been to keep a good, full time pastor in the field. The churches seem to have no sense of financial obligation and do not regard their pledge to the salary of the pastor as being binding in any sense. When we make it possible for a man to maintain his self-respect and pay his bills, there is a disposition to think that our appropriation is enough without the amount they have pledged. Our pastor on this field could not make ends meet on our appropriation and the amount paid by the circuit on its pledge so this year he is teaching in the public schools and making the ministry a side issue. Our appropriation was made on a full-time basis and was discontinued at the expiration of the contract November 1st. A restudy of the whole situation is necessary and should be made in time to plan for a full-time pastor for the next conference year.

HUGO This is our outstanding success in the Southwest. This success is largely due to the wisdom, the consecration, resourcefulness, patience, devotion and energy of the efficient pastor and his accomplished wife. The work has been made much harder by the long continued railroad strike which very seriously affected that little railroad city. This church should soon go into the self-supporting class and there should be a new church costing from \$40,000 to \$50,000. This enterprise would have to be largely financed by the Board of Home Missions.

IDABEL This is the County Seat of McCurtain County and is a fairly prosperous town of about 3,500 people. Our church is in the growing part of the town, but is not well located. A new site should be secured and a new church erected. This will cost approximately \$10,000, and at least half that sum must be provided by this Board if such a work is undertaken. The future of this work depends upon the adoption of such a program at an early date. The local people contribute less than they should to the support of the pastor. We were unable to make such plans as should have been made last fall, due to the resignation of the pastor and his removal from the State, and were compelled to make a temporary plan. This church is also served by Rev. M. L. Matthews in connection with Eagletown and his work as a teacher in the public schools. An aggressive program is a necessity here and at once.

LINCOLN, ARKANSAS This church is a part of a circuit in the Arkansas section of the Fort Smith-Oklahoma Conference. On the recommendation of the President of the Conference your Board made a small appropriation to the support of the pastor for one year. It did not seem to us that the appropriation was justified by the results secured. However, Rev. M. L. Matthews, who is one of

INDIANAPOLIS, GRACE CHURCH This church is the successor to the church formerly known as Mansur Park, and is about nine squares from the old location. The Mansur Park property was sold to the Colored people, and is being used as a Methodist Episcopal Church. That property was owned by the Indiana Conference, but the net proceeds of the sale were turned over to us to be used in the erection of the new building. Lots had been secured previous to the last General Conference, in a fine residence district. Our church here, having moved out of the district known as Mansur Park, was rechristened and is known in the conference as Grace Church.

The basement unit of a church similar in design to the Victory Memorial Church has been erected here, and is being used for worship. The work has not made rapid development, but we think the opportunity is there and that the development will come. The church should be finished as soon as possible and must be completed if we are to build a new membership from the community. We also own a residence property in this district which is being used for parsonage purposes. It is planned to sell this house and erect a parsonage on the lot purchased for that purpose adjoining the church.

UNITY CHURCH This church is located in the Riverside Park District. Here we assisted in raising the Chapel and placing it on a permanent foundation, with a good basement. The improvements made double the capacity of the building and makes it equal to the present demands. This is so planned that the present building will become a part of the completed building with but little loss. We have a loyal group of people here, not large, but devoted to the work. Your Board made a small appropriation to the salary of the pastor during the year ending with the conference of 1920. Since that time the supplemental salary has been paid by the Board of Church Extension of the Indiana Conference.

VICTORY MEMORIAL This church is making a good record and is rapidly taking its place among the leading churches of the conference. A small appropriation is being made to the salary of the pastor, but it is expected that this will not be continued beyond the expiration of the current conference year. The church has had a hard struggle, and probably could not have succeeded without the help of this Board. This has been the most expensive work carried through the quadrennium, with possibly two exceptions, but we think the results secured have justified the expense. The indebtedness is all to the Board of Home Missions, and is being steadily reduced. The present debt will appear in the Notes Receivable account, and the appropriations made in the Disbursement account.

LOGANSPOUT This work was opened in the Fall of 1920, and is making fair progress. We bought what seemed to be the best church site on that side of the city and assisted in the erection of a straight line bungalow with a full basement, and have been using this as a temporary church. The people have assumed full responsibility for the building. This debt will be covered soon. The amount due will appear in the Notes Payable account. A new church should be erected here within the next quadrennium, at a cost of approximately \$40,000. We continue an appropriation here for the salary of the pastor.

MUNCIE For many years this church enjoyed the distinction of being the leading church in the Indiana Conference. But serious mistakes were made in the administration of affairs during the period of building the new church. Appeals were made to the Board of Home Missions for assistance. Several visits were made to Muncie by our Secretary; an appropriation of funds was made to help meet the pressing indebtedness; plans were developed to meet

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE At the annual meeting of the Board in 1922, a plan was developed to make the President of the Illinois Conference a full time salaried officer and Superintendent, the Board of Home Missions assisting in the payment of his salary. The two conferences in the State had united under the state name, the state lines being the conference boundaries and it seemed to us to be wise to give the work the best possible supervision. The results secured during the first year were reasonably satisfactory and the plan has been continued for the second year.

CHICAGO AVALON PARK Your Board of Home Missions has been greatly interested in the development of our denominational work in the city of Chicago. Avalon Park is the successor of the First Church established by the Methodist Protestant Church in that city, and is making fine progress. It was necessary for your Board to assist in securing a pastor at the beginning of the last conference year, and to make an appropriation to assist in covering his moving expenses. The work was never in better condition. Plans for improving the property are under consideration, and a tentative appropriation has been made for this purpose. There is a fine field here for service, and the outlook for the development of a church is good.

CHATHAM FIELDS A new work is being established under this name at 81st St. and Maryland Avenue, which this Board will be expected to assist both in building and in the support of the pastor. At the present time the new work is under the direction of the Illinois Conference, and Dr. C. O. Harvey. This is the fourth church in Chicago.

SOUTHFIELDS This is the third church of our denomination established in this city, and is a promising field. The equipment is better than in any other of our fields in the city, and for a time will meet the needs of the growing community. Your Board has made a building appropriation here.

WAKEFORD Your Board has made no appropriation here during the quadrennium, though assistance in building would have been a good investment had the funds necessary been available. We hope some plan can soon be developed by which this church can have a full-time pastor and needed equipment.

INDIANA CONFERENCE FRANKFORT Conditions here are very similar to those reported to the General Conference of 1920. The salary has been paid in full by the congregation since the fall of 1921. The building debt has been reduced, but is still heavy enough to be burdensome. We think plans proposed by this Board would have liquidated this debt some years ago but we were unable to secure action from the local people. We have proposed to cancel our claim of \$1,000, now about seven years overdue, with accrued interest, provided all other outstanding obligations shall be paid in full. This matter will go over to the new Board.

KENDALLVILLE The proposed new church here has been erected and the appropriation made by this Board has been paid. This church should become a station at once and your Board has urged this action, but the Indiana Conference has not yet seen the wisdom of putting the plan into operation. This is a strategic center and should have the best possible service. No man can give what is needed to this church and care for two country churches at the same time.

been secured in the Western Highlands district; plans are being matured for the erection of a new church to cost about \$35,000 at the corner of Tenth Avenue Boulevard and Haskell Street, and work will begin just as soon as the enterprise can be properly financed. Your Board has made an appropriation of \$15,000 for this purpose, but must have increased its loan account to allow the work to proceed. This did not seem to be wise at the time the matter was being developed and it is being held in suspension until after the General Conference has had an opportunity of passing upon the program of the Board. This building operation should not be further delayed.

LONDON HEIGHTS This work had been permanently closed previous to the last General Conference and was duly reported to that body. The membership as far as possible had been transferred to our other churches. Since that time the old chapel has been wrecked, the materials used in the Westheights Church and parsonage, the lot sold and the proceeds used elsewhere in our work in Kansas City. This name should not appear again in these reports.

THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH This congregation has been transferred to the University District, and reorganized under the name of the University Church. The downtown property has been sold, and the proceeds used in the erection of the University Church. This closes the history of our People's Church in Kansas City, Kansas.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH This church was organized as noted above in the Fall of 1920. Its nucleus was formed from a remnant of the People's Church, and a small remnant of the Federated Church from the University. The Federation had failed to meet the needs of either the United Brethren or the Methodist Protestant and at a meeting between a committee properly constituted from the two denominations, it was decided to dissolve the Federation and organize two denominational churches, to be so placed as to pre-empt the territory around the University for the two denominations which were supporting the Institution. The results secured would seem to justify the wisdom of this decision from the standpoint of both denominations. Our church is quite prosperous. For about a year our people worshipped in a rented dwelling house on Thirty-second and Parallel; then the Sunday School section of a splendid building was erected at a cost of about \$35,000. The building has a fine community room above ground, used for Sunday School and community purposes, with a neat, comfortable chapel, all so placed that a fine auditorium can be added to the equipment when the conditions and demands shall be sufficient to justify further building operations.

WESTHEIGHTS CHURCH This church is the successor to the Chelsea Church discussed above. The old location was impossible, and a change was compulsory. The new site is one of the best in Kansas City, Kansas, in a beautiful residence district, and just across the street from property sold under restrictions which would seem to safe-guard the character of the community. There was nothing to be rented in the district, so we were compelled to build something before the work could be transferred to the new location. It was decided to erect the parsonage, leave it unfinished for the time being, and use it as a chapel. This was done, and the house was used for perhaps two years. It is of the square type, with basement, and has now been finished as an eight room modern house.

The Sunday School section of the permanent church has been erected here, and is sufficient for the present needs. However, we expect that it will be necessary to complete the building before the close of the coming quadrennium. Our properties here are worth \$50,000.00

the situations which had arisen, and the church is again making fine progress. The indebtedness is all paid, or nearly so, the property has been improved and repaired, the membership has grown, and success is the rule in every department.

IOWA-MISSOURI CONFERENCE This conference needs a very careful survey, conducted by our wisest leaders to determine what part of its unsupplied charges can be restored to successful careers. It needs eight or ten good men, with a considerable appropriation of money for their support, to man the fields which have begun disintegration for lack of pastoral leadership. It will need some money for building purposes in certain strategic centers where the local people are willing but not able financially to meet the entire demand made upon them. We have a fine field in this conference, but it cannot longer be neglected if we are to develop as a denomination and serve the people to whom we are responsible for ministry in sacred things. Our opportunities were probably never better than they are at the present time.

KAHOKA, MISSOURI This is an old name restored to our rolls. Some years ago we turned this work over to the conference with a plan which promised to adequately care for the work. But it seemed to be necessary that we again assume leadership in this part of the conference. Kahoka is a county seat town, and is the center of our work in Northeast Missouri. At the present time our pastor there is a real missionary, having four other churches under his care, Carmel, Sissons Chapel, Grace Chapel and St. Francisville. A second man should be placed in this territory at once. It is our field. Two or three good charges can be developed here within a reasonable period of time, with proper leadership, but no man can render the service required in these five churches, with other open Methodist Protestant territory demanding his attention.

KEOKUK, IOWA This church is making steady progress. A parsonage property has been secured and has been nearly paid for during the closing quadrennium. A small salary appropriation has been carried throughout the quadrennium, but it is expected that it will not be needed after the close of the current conference year.

KANSAS CONFERENCE This conference like the Iowa-Missouri Conference needs a careful survey with special care from the Board of Home Missions. Conditions are similar in both conferences. There is no other agency by which these conditions can be met. Our Board can do it if sufficient funds are provided.

KANSAS CITY When the report was made to the General Conference of 1920, our work in this city was in a very unsatisfactory condition. We have not yet solved all our problems, but our outlook has never been more hopeful than it is at the present time.

CHELSEA This church has been relocated and is now known as the Westheight Church. It will be discussed under its new name.

GORDON PLACE At the last session of the General Conference we reported that this church was under severe pressure due to changes in population. It has been unable to properly support its pastor for some years, and it finally became necessary for your Board of Home Missions to render assistance in order to keep a good man in the field. This necessity will soon be overcome with the completion of the new church building as planned. New lots have

and attitude of the Board of Home Missions. Your Secretary has made no investigation in this field.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, PENINSULA CHURCH This work had just been opened when the last quadrennial report was submitted. Your Board and made an appropriation to assist in the purchase of the site, as will appear in the tabulated financial report. A very fine building has been erected, and it is believed that no finer work has been done anywhere than has been done in the development of this very promising congregation. The salary of the pastor has been paid by the local congregation from the beginning. The building has been erected under the direction of the Board of Church Extension of the Maryland Conference.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE DETROIT FIRST CHURCH Your Board of Home Missions made an appropriation here for building purposes but the local congregation has met the salary of the pastor without assistance. The basement unit of the permanent church has been erected on the new site selected. The work is making very fair progress. It is understood that the Board will make a further appropriation for building when the church is completed. The present building cost about \$30,000.

HARCER MEMORIAL Here your Board has made an appropriation for building purposes also, and the basement unit is in. This is smaller than the First Church basement and cost about \$25,000. There is also an understanding here that an additional appropriation will be made for the completion of the building. We have been assisting in the support of the minister here from the beginning. We should have other churches in Detroit. The city is growing more rapidly than any other city in the country, and the church development has not kept pace.

FLINT There is really very little to report from this church. At the General Conference of 1920, there was a special messenger from Flint to present the work of that church to the conference. The conference referred the matter to the Board of Home Missions with the statement that this Board was the Agency through which the Methodist Protestant Church conducted its Home Mission Work. This Board had already been in touch with the proposition, and had been unable to meet the demands made upon it. Your Secretary met with the Board of Church Extension of the Michigan Conference, the President of the Conference and the congregation. Finally, the decision was made to continue the work at the old site, and dispose of the new location purchased. The work is succeeding well.

HANCOCK Conditions have not changed in Hancock. The Methodist Protestant Church never had a real foot-hold here, and the attempt that was made was so poorly directed that it would have prevented success at any time within the memory of the people. The city is in "The Copper Country" of the Northern Peninsula. When times are good in the copper business there is money, but there is but little market for property at any time. We have offered to sell the property at a very low price, but have had no buyers. We have tried to arrange for a sale at Public Auction, but our broker advises against doing so. We hope to find a purchaser for the property, and advise that the work there be not reopened.

LANSING Conditions are about as they were four years ago. The church is doing good work, and is self-supporting.

**KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI,
THE CHURCH OF
THE WOODS**

This is a new mission and has been neglected by this Board because of the heavy demand for funds elsewhere. This is in the extreme southern section of the city, in an entirely new district. This is the only church in the community, and was organized as a community church. However, they requested that they might not be organized as a Methodist Protestant Church, and this was done. This is a single lot, partly paid for, which our Board must take over, with a small chapel. This field needs the services of a minister, and some further addition to their equipment.

**LOUISIANA
CONFERENCE**

This conference needs special attention from the Board of Home Missions, but so much is involved in the development of that field, and your Board has neither had the men nor the money available for this purpose. This report will deal with one church only in that conference.

WINNFIELD

This church has had a checkered history, and has made very slow progress. Your Board of Home Missions has never been charged with full responsibility for this work, our connection being only that of assisting in the liquidation of the debts against the property. This agreement was made previous to the present administration but the details were carried out as arranged. This field needs further investigation and possibly action to secure a full time efficient minister.

**MARYLAND
CONFERENCE
BETHANY**

The Bethany Church has been merged with the Broadway Church, both properties sold, and a new church erected known as Grace Church. This merger made unnecessary the payment of the appropriation to Bethany reported to the General Conference of 1920, and the appropriation has been withdrawn.

**WAVERLY
BALTIMORE**

Certain changes have taken place in that situation, and the appropriation ordered by the Board of Home Missions for building purposes has not been claimed. The appropriation has been declared lapsed by the Board of Home Missions.

TRINITY

This work is making fine progress under the direction of the Maryland conference. This Board has made no appropriation within the closing quadrennium.

**PHILADELPHIA,
EMMANUEL**

This work was located just previous to the last General Conference. The basement unit of the permanent building has been erected at a cost of about \$40,000. The lots are worth approximately \$15,000 at the present time, and the congregation owns a parsonage worth \$8,000. Your Board assisted in the support of the pastor up to the close of the Maryland Conference year in 1923. The church should be completed at the earliest possible date. Some assistance should be given by this Board when that is done. This is a fine, and a rapidly growing residence district.

**TAYLOR
MEMORIAL**

Your Board retains title to this property, subject to the action of the Maryland Annual Conference. No appropriations have been made for salary during the quadrennium, and just a small appropriation for building purposes.

**TIOGA
HEIGHTS**

This is the newest Methodist Protestant Church in Philadelphia, and is located in the Northeast section of the city, quite a distance, however, from St. Luke's, and Taylor Memorial. This work is being handled by the Maryland Conference, but there have been some unofficial inquiries as to the situation

**NORTH
MISSISSIPPI
CONFERENCE
SUPERINTENDENT**

For one year your Board of Home Missions assisted in the support of the President as a full time salaried officer. This Conference should be carefully surveyed, and more definite plans made by the denomination to minister to the people who wait upon us to give them the gospel.

OHIO CONFERENCE In this conference the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Church Extension have had a very fine working agreement. The work done in Zanesville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Coshocton and Middletown have all been joint operations by the two Boards. Other plans are in prospect, and will be worked out in harmony as the occasion requires.

**CINCINNATI,
HYDE PARK** There was a question of property titles here reported to the General Conference of 1920. The recommendations of this Board were approved, and the title was transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Hyde Park Methodist Protestant Church. This action was also in harmony with the direction of the Ohio Annual Conference. This church is making fine progress, and has become one of the leading churches of the conference. Plans for a \$50,000 addition to the church are being considered.

MT. LOOKOUT This is a new field, and is full of promise. The church was organized in October, 1922, and was given conference recognition at the Annual session in 1923. The pastor was assigned to begin his work February 1, 1923, and has made fine progress. This field needs a good plant, and the people are willing to go their limit to secure it. But they should have considerable assistance. With an adequate equipment we can have a self-supporting church in five years or less.

**COLUMBUS,
FIRST CHURCH** First Church has not grown rapidly, but numbers some very fine people in its membership. Your Board of Home Missions continued the salary appropriation for one year of the quadrennium. Since that time the matter has been handled entirely by the Ohio Conference.

GRACE CHURCH Grace Church was self-supporting previous to the last session of the General Conference. It has continued to develop, and is now one of the leading churches of the Ohio Conference. It has recently erected a fine parsonage costing about \$18,000 and is planning to complete the church at a cost of about \$50,000.

**WEST LANE
AVENUE** This church presents a difficult problem. When the church was located, this district was a very promising residence suburb. It seemed as if gas, electricity, and transportation were soon to be provided, and beautiful building sites were offered at reasonable prices. But the Ohio State University took over the most of the nearby land for the enlargement of the experiment farms of its Agricultural School, the two small factories in the community were merged with other organizations, and the buildings torn down and moved away. The employees followed since transportation was so difficult and many of the homes were taken over by colored people. There are quite a number of farmers and gardeners in the nearby community, and we attempted to develop the field along community lines, but the response from the people was not satisfactory. For several years the church has been referred to the Ohio Conference for supply without an appropriation from this Board. The service secured has not been satisfactory and it would seem as if something better must be arranged.

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MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE MERIDIAN A church lot was secured in Meridian through the efforts of the President of the General Conference, and deeded to the Board of Home Missions. The understanding with the people in Meridian is this: When a sum equal to the value of the lots has been raised for building purposes, the deed shall be delivered to the local congregation. So far as we have been informed, nothing has yet been done toward the erection of the proposed church.

WINGATE We hold a mortgage on the lot here where our church once stood. It was a boom town, was wrecked by a storm, and never rebuilt. We have offered the mortgage to the Mississippi Conference, but our offer has not been accepted. The Auditor has advised that we strike this mortgage from our list of assets.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE All the work that is being done by our Board in this conference is in conjunction with the Board of Church Extension. The work is planned together, we agree upon the program, and share the expense. This is true to a considerable degree in all the conferences, but the arrangement in North Carolina is almost ideal.

ASHEVILLE This church has just about held its own during the quadrennium. A parsonage property has been secured, and the debt on both church and parsonage is being slowly reduced. Asheville is a city of transients, and the development of a strong, self-supporting church is a matter that will require considerable time. The salary payments here go into three parts, the congregation, the Board of Church Extension, and the Board of Home Missions, the church taking one half or more at this time, and the Boards the remainder. We hope to see a self-supporting church here within the next quadrennium.

CHARLOTTE This work is making steady development. The membership is increasing slowly, and the church debt is being reduced. The congregation is increasing its payment on pastor's salary, and the appropriations of the Board are being reduced. Our salary appropriation has continued through the entire period.

GREENSBORO, WEST END This church has made fine progress through the years, and the church was dedicated free from debt on the sixth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. However, the building is outgrown, and should either all be made new, or an addition erected which will become a part of the completed plan when it shall be fully developed. We helped to carry the debt, and have continued a salary appropriation throughout the quadrennium. We also have made a pledge to assist in the erection of the proposed addition to the church.

HIGH POINT, ENGLISH ST. This is a new field. Your Board of Home Missions assisted in carrying the indebtedness on the property. but this has all been met, and the church assumed self-support at the last session of the North Carolina Conference. We have made no appropriation for salary at this church.

LEXINGTON Your Board of Home Missions has promised a loan of \$5,000 for five years without interest, and to assist in the support of a pastor as soon as a full time pastor is arranged. Lexington is the county seat of Davidson County, a county in which we have twenty-three Methodist Protestant Churches, and about twenty-six hundred members. It ought to be comparatively easy to develop a self-supporting church in a growing town like this with approximately 10,000 people.

COOLIDE pastoral support during a part of the quadrennium. A new location should be secured here, and a modest modern church building erected. Your Board has not made a proposition because of a lack of funds.

CORSICANA This church was turned over to the Texas Conference some years ago as a finished piece of work. However, deaths, removals, and other unfortunate happenings seemed to make it necessary for us to render further assistance, and an appropriation has been carried through the quadrennium for the support of the pastor. A new location has been secured, and a new modern church should be erected soon. This is one of the fields being referred to the new Board.

FORT WORTH This field is in jeopardy. Unless a plan can soon be found to finance the necessary building here, we cannot continue to occupy the field. We have a beautiful location in a fine residence district, and a nucleus of fine people. Up until this time no plan has been developed that will provide the funds necessary for building. Fort Worth is the key city to all of our denominational work in the Southwest and we cannot afford to fail here.

The original plan was as follows:—

It is believed that a church should be erected to cost when completed about \$75,000. It was proposed that the first unit should be erected on the plan adopted at Grace Church, Indianapolis, and Emanuel Church, Philadelphia, including the basement section of a church similar to the Victory Memorial, Indianapolis, or the Westheight plan, which includes the Sunday School section of the same building. The cost is not very different in the erection of the two units, and will be approximately \$30,000.

It was proposed that this enterprise be financed as follows:—

\$10,000 or one-third of the entire cost of the first unit to be paid by the local church; one-third to be paid by the Texas Conference; and one-third by the Board of Home Missions as a donation.

This matter was brought for further discussion by your Secretary at the last session of the Texas Conference. The conference reaffirmed its agreement, and made plans to finance the work, giving instructions to its President and Church Extension Board to negotiate loans in the name of the Conference to meet that proportion of the expense. The plans were not carried out, however, and the work of building has not begun.

The chapel, lightly constructed in the beginning, has become unfit for service, and we have rented a residence property for chapel purposes. We are compelled to guarantee the salary of the pastor. The membership stands about as it did four years ago, except that the quality of the membership is better. Building is imperative here, and it now seems as if this Board must largely underwrite the expenditure.

PARIS This work has not fully recovered from the effects of the great fire which swept the city, and destroyed both our church and parsonage, as well as the homes and properties of many of our members. The property which we now own is a good, substantial, half modern brick church, and could not be duplicated for \$35,000. The location cannot be improved upon anywhere in the city, and we believe in the ultimate success of that work.

WASHINGTON MISSION

The Washington Mission Conference at the present time consists of three churches, all located in the city of Seattle. The First Church has received no

SEATTLE

FIRST CHURCH

financial support from the Board of Home Missions for about twelve years except expense incurred in moving ministers to and from Seattle and has become quite a substantial organization. We refer to it here be-

A new sub-division, lying west of the church is being put on the market, and the Board of Home Missions is proposing to purchase a new site, put a new man in the field at West Lane Avenue, and hold our territory. If this can be financed it should be done at an early date.

MIDDLETOWN This is a new name on our rolls. Strictly speaking this is not a mission church, but conditions developed which were too much for the local congregation to work out without assistance from the Ohio Conference and this Board. We made an annual appropriation here running through a period of five years to assist in caring for the building debts. Fine work is being done here, and our church is coming into its own in Middletown.

**ONONDAGA
CONFERENCE
ARKPORT** This church was heavily involved in debt, and the small congregation was greatly discouraged. The application did not come within the usual lines of work carried forward by this Board, but after investigation it was decided to assist in caring for this debt. A conditional appropriation was made to run through a period of four years. If the conditions are met the church will be out of debt at the end of that period. The church has accepted the challenge, two of the four payments are due, three have been paid, and three fourths of our appropriation has also been paid. This leaves \$1,000 against that neat property, and the work is full of promise.

ROCHESTER Lots have been secured, and a dwelling house erected in this city. The house will be used as a temporary meeting place until the church is ready to be used, when it will become the parsonage. This work is under the direction of the Onondaga Conference, and is being supported by them unaided up to this time. However, there is a tentative agreement that when the next step is taken, the Board of Home Missions will give substantial assistance both in building and in pastoral support.

**PITTSBURGH
CONFERENCE** This is one of the historic churches of the city, but on account of a shifting population, the location became unsuited for our work. The old

**PITTSBURGH,
FOURTH CHURCH** property was sold to the Colored people, and a new site was secured about a mile away and a new church erected. The Congregation had diminished until it was necessary for outside help to be given. It was made a Conference enterprise, many of the churches gave in addition to meeting their conference apportionment, the congregation did heroically, and your Board of Home Missions made a substantial appropriation to the buildings. We have here a very fine property, not yet free from debt, but with an outlook which is exceedingly encouraging. We see no reason why this will not become one of the leading Methodist Protestant Churches of the city of Pittsburgh.

SQUIRREL HILL, Your Board of Home Missions advanced the first money for the purchase of the lots at this church. Heavy obligations were incurred in the erection of the building, and the indebtedness is still quite heavy. We have proposed to cancel our mortgage when it will clear the property of debt. It is possible that this proposition will be accepted soon.

**TEXAS
CONFERENCE** A loan appropriation was made here when the church was built, and has been fully repaid according to the original conditions. Assistance has been given in

HOME MISSION REPORT

CHARGE	MEMBERSHIP—CHURCH			SUNDAY SCHOOL			PASTOR'S SALARY		
	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924	1922	1923	1924
Asheville.....	127	123	130	96	107	83	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
Charlotte, North Carolina..	113	125	145	157	155	180	600.00	800.00	1,000.00
Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati.....		92	120		154	123		800.00	800.00
Comanche, Oklahoma.....	29	46	57	78	96	73	300.00	300.00	300.00
Corsicana, Texas.....	113	102	120	100	85	115	900.00	800.00	800.00
Harger Mem., Detroit.....	65	40	35	140	150	150	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Eagletown, Oklahoma.....	62	60	64	50	65	61	400.00	400.00	400.00
Forth Worth, Texas.....	67	69	68	85	75	80	900.00	900.00	600.00
Greensboro, N. Carolina..	164	164	200	365	365	405	1,000.00	1,150.00	1,350.00
Haworth, Oklahoma.....	97	89	167	180	125	210	500.00	500.00	500.00
Hugo, Oklahoma.....	207	267	302	385	385	300	1,200.00	900.00	1,200.00
Idabel, Oklahoma.....	52	58	64	81	95	135	400.00	400.00	400.00
Indianapolis,									
Grace Church.....	66	75	55	100	93	60	700.00	700.00	700.00
Victory Memorial.....	209	258	266	360	320	365	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,800.00
Jacksonville, Fla.....	83	67	81	86	95	84	600.00	600.00	600.00
Kahoka, Missouri.....	35	146	146	20	217	217	600.00	600.00	900.00
Kansas City									
Gordon Place.....	108	128	95	173	196	194	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
University.....	91	143	165	168	229	213	600.00	900.00	1,200.00
Westheights.....	103	108	125	158	192	201	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Keokuk, Iowa.....	180	199	204	112	122	120	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Logansport, Indiana.....	97	137	157	160	150	150	600.00	700.00	800.00
Magnolia, Arkansas.....	78	116	154	116	147	155	1,300.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Montgomery, Alabama...	132	135	177	95	161	70	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Paris, Texas.....	79	72	95	170	100	100	600.00	600.00	600.00
Philadelphia,									
Emmanuel.....	141	150		215	202		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
Quinton, Oklahoma.....	42	36	112	60	53	155	300.00	300.00	450.00
San Angelo, Texas.....	158	157	116	156	106	67	500.00	500.00	500.00
Mansfield, Arkansas.....	30			23			100.00		
Seattle, Ravenna.....	151	179	172	225	265	256	1,100.00	1,160.00	1,160.00
Seaview.....	47	53	65	140	125	140	300.00	300.00	300.00
Total membership.....	2,925	3,323	3,657	4,354	4,565	4,462	\$23,160.00	\$25,070.00	\$26,560.00

MEMBERSHIP

Gain in 1923 over 1922.....	398
" " 1924 " 1923.....	334

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Gain in 1923 over 1922.....	211
Loss " 1924 " 1923.....	103

PASTOR'S SALARY

Gain in 1923 over 1922.....	\$1,910.00
" " 1924 " 1923.....	1,490.00

cause it is the center of our promising Home Mission work in that city. We are proud of our First Church, Seattle.

RAVENNA CHURCH This church has a history of about twenty years, but the district in which it is located did not develop as rapidly as some other sections of the city. A new church has been erected at a cost of \$35,000 plus the lots, and is the center of a very actively developing community. This church has had its principal development within the last five years, and is rapidly approaching self-support.

SEAVIEW CHURCH This is a new church located in the Southwest section of the city, and was organized about five years ago. It has a large open field, and needs at least the first unit of its permanent church at once. It is planned to erect a church similar in design to the Ravenna Church, just as soon as it can be properly financed.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE Your Board of Home Missions is assisting in the erection of the new church at this place. The application was supported by the leading officials

ROWLESBURG of the conference, and the opportunity seems to be good for rendering service to the denomination, and the Kingdom.

WESTON This is one of the historic churches of the conference, being a memorial to the Rev. Samuel Clawson, and the Rev. Daniel G. Helmick, D. D., both of whom were prominent in our denominational work. However, the church has never been very strong in membership, nor in financial ability. They have a beautiful church, well appointed throughout, and have done the heroic in meeting the demands of the building period. Your Board has assisted in caring for the building debts. The church is making a fine development and the new building has given us fine standing in the community.

DETAILED STATISTICAL REPORT

The following statement shows the membership of the churches and Sunday Schools for 1922, 1923 and 1924. The 1924 figures are taken from the latest reports, as these forms had to be closed before the April reports could be received.

KANSAS

At University Church, Chapel and Sunday School section, worth \$40,000.

At Westheights, Sunday School rooms and chapel and parsonage, worth with lots \$50,000. To complete plant will cost \$40,000.

Church of the Woods, Chapel and grounds worth \$1,500.

MARYLAND

At Philadelphia, Emmanuel Church, basement unit costing about \$40,000. Church completed will represent a value of from \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Taylor Memorial, assisted in erection of addition for Sunday school purposes. Present value of all property \$50,000.

At Wilmington, Del., assisted in the erection of the beautiful new church costing with grounds \$110,000.

MICHIGAN

At Detroit, we have assisted in the erection of the basement unit at First Church, at a cost of about \$35,000. Completed plant will cost \$75,000.

At Harger Memorial the basement unit costing about \$25,000. The completed plant to cost about \$60,000.

OHIO

At Middletown, a church building has been erected, not including grounds costing about \$65,000. We have not yet made an investment in real estate at Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, but we must do so if the plan there is to be carried out successfully.

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh we have assisted in the erection of the beautiful new Fourth Church, the building alone costing about \$75,000.

WASHINGTON
MISSION

At Seaview we purchased an unfinished residence adjoining the chapel property and completed it for use as a parsonage. The present value of the property is about \$7,500.

At Ravenna a fine new church plant has been erected. The building is 70x70, brick veneer construction, and cost a little more than \$35,000, not including the grounds. The best estimate we have been able to secure in the east for constructing such a building is over \$45,000.

Our Ravenna Church, parsonage, and grounds represent a value of close to \$60,000. The lots and parsonage were secured during the preceding quadrennium.

WEST VIRGINIA

At Weston a new church has been erected worth \$60,000.

At Rowlesburg a church is just about completed worth \$30,000.

ASSISTANCE
ON DEBTS

Help has been given in the payment of church debts at West End, Greensboro, and English St., High Point, North Carolina; at Muncie, Indiana, and Arkport, New York.

VI. NEW MISSIONS ESTABLISHED AND NEW CHURCH SITES SECURED

New missions have been established at Logansport, Indiana; two in Jacksonville, Fla., one known as First Church, located on the corner of Sixteenth and Laura Streets, the other known as Norwood, located in a residence suburb called by that name; one in the southern part of Kansas City, Missouri, known as the Church of the Woods; one in the Mt. Lookout district, Cincinnati, Ohio; and one in the eastern part of the city of Rochester, New York.

New church sites have been secured in Kansas City, Kansas, for the University, Westheights, and Gordon Place Churches. Through the efforts of the President of the General Conference, a new site has been secured in Meridian, Mississippi. A new site for the Trinity Church, Atlantic City, has been secured in Ventnor City, N. J., by the local congregation assisted by your Board of Home Missions. The new site at Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, has been secured by the Ohio Conference, and the local congregation. The site for the Church of the Woods, Kansas City, Missouri, has been secured by your Board assisted by the local congregation. The North Carolina Conference and the local congregation have secured the site for the State Street Church, Lexington, N. Car. In each case where your Board has not already made an investment it is expected that assistance will be given in the erection of chapels, and churches, and in support of pastors and missionaries. Other enterprises are under consideration, but this list shows work now under way.

VII. NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED, LOANS MADE FOR BUILDING PURPOSES, AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN PAYMENT OF BUILDING DEBTS

The last quadrennium has been pre-eminently a building period. More should have been done but we went as far as we thought we should go with the funds available. The form and amount of assistance given in each case will appear in the detailed financial report. The list which follows shows the places in which your Board has assisted in building.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE	A church at Montgomery, costing about \$20,000.
ARKANSAS	Church at Macedonia, costing about \$3,000. Magnolia Church worth \$35,000.
EASTERN	Parsonage at Berwick, Pa., sold for \$5,500.
ILLINOIS	Southfields, Chicago, church worth \$40,000.
INDIANA	Indianapolis, Basement Unit Grace Church, costing about \$30,000. Completed will cost about \$75,000. Unity, remodeled, worth about \$10,000. To complete plan will cost about \$40,000. Kendallville, a new church worth \$35,000. Logansport, a straight line bungalow, now used for chapel, worth with grounds, \$10,000. To become parsonage when permanent church is erected.

material has been prepared for publication by the Secretary of the Board, and the most of it is his own production.

Within the quadrennium, a special appeal was sent out to a selected list of leading members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and a neat sum was secured in cash donations, annuities, loans without interest, and straight interest bearing loans. Information concerning these items will appear in the tabulated financial report.

The results of all this propaganda have been quite complimentary, though much less money has been secured than was needed to properly finance our work.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL Your Board of Home Missions has believed it wise to hold membership in the Home Missions Council. This is an organization of the several Boards of Home Missions which disburse ninety per cent of the total sums raised for Home Missions in this country. The organization is for mutual benefit, and is entirely voluntary in its character. There is a small annual apportionment for expenses of the Council, which has been paid by our Board as shown in the tabulated financial report.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION MOVEMENT This Movement has charge of the interdenominational missionary literature. Previous to the organization of the Interchurch World Movement the Missionary Education Movement had reached the place where it had become entirely self-supporting. It was heavily involved, in that movement, and was compelled to suspend activities. However, it fills an important place in the work of the various missionary agencies, both at home and abroad, it has been revived, and is rapidly getting on its feet. For the time being, however, it has been necessary for the several co-operating agencies to subsidize the movement, and a small apportionment has been made for this purpose.

X. DETAILED FINANCIAL REPORTS

We have attempted here to answer in advance any question that might properly be raised in connection with the administration of the financial affairs of the office. Under the head of receipts we have listed the sources of our income by years. Under disbursements you will find a detailed statement showing the purposes for which all expenditures have been made. These disbursements have been made by the Treasurer of the General Conference on warrants signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and have been duly authorized by action of that Board. Any further information needed or desired can be secured by addressing the office of the Board at Pittsburgh.

LOANS	Loans have been made within the quadrennium to the following churches:
EASTERN	Parsonage, Berwick, Pa. (This property has been sold and loan paid).
INDIANA	Unity Church, Indianapolis. (To become a donation under certain conditions.) Victory Memorial. (An adjustment of the indebtedness reported to the last session of the General Conference.) Logansport, Indiana.
KANSAS	University and West Heights Church, Kansas City, Kansas.
MARYLAND	Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia.
WASHINGTON MISSION	Seaview Parsonage and Ravenna Church, Seattle.

VIII. THE EASTER SERVICE, PROGRAM, OFFERING, DESIGNATED, SPECIAL, AND OTHER OFFERINGS AND GENERAL PUBLICITY

The Easter Service is growing in popularity among our people each year. More of our churches are coming to observe Passion Week with appropriate services, leading up to an appeal for surrender and consecration at Easter. Easter music is perhaps the most beautiful of all music written, and a very large proportion of our churches render special programs at that time.

The Easter Program prepared by your Board of Home Missions has been deservedly popular. One new program has been issued each year during the quadrennium, as for many years past, and distributed without charge to Methodist Protestant Sunday Schools agreeing to hold a service and take an offering for Home Missions.

The first program issued was a very simple service, but at the present time we are publishing one of the best Sunday School services issued for Easter. The music is being written especially for our program, and we publish an extensive list of literary material so as to allow a wide range in the development of a program. Since we publish one service only each year, we must aim to meet the demands of the average school. But by including so much material, with suggestions for songs from the Methodist Protestant Hymnal and other Song Books of general circulation, we enlarge the possibilities and reach a large number of schools. For 1924 orders for programs and other supplies were received from 747 schools, and the number is increasing each year. The offering too is increasing each year, as will be shown in the tabulated financial reports.

Our work has also been presented in the publication of tracts, leaflets, booklets, streamers, banners, posters, etc., all of which have been distributed to our people without cost to them, and at the expense of our Board. We have desired to inform our pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Christian Endeavor Presidents, and other workers, as to the needs and opportunities in our Home Missions fields. We have confined ourselves almost entirely to the Easter season in the publication and distribution of this material that being the time set apart to the Board of Home Missions in our denominational calendar. The columns of our denominational press have been open to our work, and articles are being published each week in the Methodist Protestant, the Methodist Recorder, and the Methodist Protestant Herald. This

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	1921	1922	1923	1924	TOTAL
ANNUITIES —					
S. Heining			100.00	100.00	200.00
M. L. Shields			4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
H. L. Hoge			500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Russell Prouty			500.00		500.00
SALE OF PEOPLE'S CHURCH, KANSAS CITY..	10,550.00				10,550.00
SALE OF YESLER LOTS, SEATTLE, WASH....	200.00				200.00
SALE OF STRIP OFF LOT, WESTHEIGHTS		50.00			50.00
(a) CASH PROCEEDS SALE MANSUR PARK PROPERTY.....		1,727.00			1,727.00
SALE OF LONDON HEIGHTS LOTS.....	602.47				602.47
(f) SALE OF 316 BIBB ST., MONTGOMERY, ALA.....				10,419.53	10,419.53
(g) SALE OF BERWICK PARSONAGE.....				2,815.76	2,815.76
REFUNDS —					
(k) Board of Church Extension, Ohio Conf.	1,225.00	400.00	300.00		1,925.00
Telegraph Bill.....	19.97	4.03	5.65	2.18	31.83
Slides sent to F. C. Klein.....			1.40		1.4
Ins. on Montgomery St. Property.....			.85		.85
Victory Memorial Repair Fund.....			41.00		41.00
Premium—Miss Blanchfield's Bond.....			2.13		2.13
Taxes, Ravenna Park Lots, Seattle.....			61.39		61.39
Salary Appropriations.....	33.33	83.33	45.83		162.49
(h) Oakland Savings & Trust Co.....			770.80		770.80
University Church Property a/c.....		62.50			62.50
N. Vice, Interest paid on Loans.....		105.00			105.00
Muncie, Ind., Church Debt.....		317.50			317.50
Employer's Liability Ins.....		35.72			35.72
Traveling Expense.....	6.15	50.00		27.65	83.80
Miscellaneous.....		1.32			1.32
Overcharge on Abstract.....				34.00	34.00
Stenographic Expense.....		\$ 55.00		\$	\$ 55.00
(d) Ecumenical Conf. Expense.....		250.00			250.00
(e) Unity Church, Earnest Money.....		100.00			100.00
(e) Montgomery, Ala., Earnest Money.....		500.00		500.00	1,000.00
(f) Return of Loan, Logansport, Ind.....	\$ 3,373.00				3,373.00
Chelsea Ch., K. C. Property account.....	554.05				554.05
Money advanced—Ravenna.....	5.00				5.00
Rent.....	18.34				18.34
Telephone.....	3.60				3.60
Board Expense.....	2.00			74.28	76.28
(e) H. C. Stanley, cash advanced.....	10,968.21				10,968.21
(e) Charles H. Beck, cash adv. for exp.....	150.00				150.00
Deposit to cover taxes, Grace Church.....	40.00				40.00
Bldg. a/c Grace Church, Amer. Seating Co.....		26.64			26.64
General Expense.....				15.75	15.75
Stationery and Supplies Sold.....				.50	.50
Supplies Sold at Berwick Church.....				2.00	2.00
(e) E. K. Campbell Heating Co.....				1,200.00	1,200.00
Taxes and St. Assessments, Indianapolis Apts.....				83.46	83.46
Taxes Western Highlands, Kansas City.....				42.89	42.89
Fees for Filing Charter in Alabama.....				45.00	45.00
Earnest Money on Forest Ave. Lots.....				250.00	250.00
Total Receipts.....	\$83,071.81	\$146,686.88	\$121,485.34	\$107,887.10	\$459,131.13
BALANCES.....	10,473.53	15,117.41	17,530.82	2,835.35	45,957.11
	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.16	\$110,722.45	\$505,088.24

DISBURSEMENTS)	1921	1922	1923	1924	TOTAL
(Salaries)					
Superintendent Arkansas Conference.....	\$ 199.98	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$	\$ 799.98
Asheville, North Carolina.....	450.00	520.00	331.25	550.00	1,851.25
Berwick, Pennsylvania.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,325.00	570.00	4,895.00
Charlotte, North Carolina.....	690.00	510.00	500.00	400.00	2,100.00
Cincinnati, Ohio, Mt. Lookout.....			132.50	400.00	532.50
Colorado—Texas Conf. Supt.....		30.00	180.00		210.00
Columbus, First Church.....	749.98	700.00	279.16		1,729.14
" West Lane Ave.....	266.66				266.66
Comanche, Oklahoma.....	999.98	1,000.00	875.00	750.00	3,624.98
Coolidge, Texas.....	100.00	150.00			250.00
Corsicana, Texas.....	116.65	200.00	300.01	200.00	816.66
Detroit, Harger Memorial.....	487.32	500.00	566.67	600.00	2,153.99
Eagletown, Okla.....	199.98	604.66	388.05	200.00	1,392.69
Enterprise, Oklahoma.....		200.00			200.00

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RECEIPTS	1921	1922	1923	1924	Total
Assessments.....	\$ 24.00				\$ 24.00
Budget.....	17,127.90	\$12,484.39	\$14,062.39	\$12,937.32	56,612.00
Million Dollar Campaign.....	17,257.49	1,759.13	559.12	86.04	19,661.78
Interchurch World Movement.....	1,722.26	452.32	190.14	.75	2,365.47
Specials and Undesignated.....	1,756.79	2,134.14	1,920.16	2,048.03	7,859.12
Easter Offerings.....	7,479.47	12,615.10	18,659.61	23,867.49	62,621.67
Easter Supplies sold.....		7.25	3.15	4.55	14.95
Equipment sold.....		15.00			15.00
Interest on Deposits.....	93.44	186.48	196.89	106.41	583.22
Income on Investments.....	925.79	784.38	394.90		2,105.07
Rent—Indianapolis Apartments, net.....		720.77	640.36	805.29	2,166.42
“ —Grace Church Parsonage.....			120.00		120.00
“ —506 Montgomery St., Mont.....			300.00		300.00
“ —316 Bibb St., Montgomery.....			80.41	64.75	145.16
“ —London Heights, Kansas City.....	67.50				67.50
Special Campaign Fund.....			2,724.79	1,192.16	3,916.95
(l) Securities.....	866.00	20,521.31	60.00	10.00	21,457.31
(b) Fire Adjustment, Victory Memorial.....			1,989.60		1,989.60
Collection of Pledges, Grace Church.....		254.36	124.96		379.32
(b) Special for Meridian, Miss.....			10.00		10.00
Bequests—J. Garrett.....		590.14			590.14
“ —Ephraim Van Dyke.....		100.00			100.00
(b) Special, Salary Colo.-Tex. Conf. Pres.....		210.00			210.00
(e) Special for Hymnals at Ravenna, Seattle.....				65.00	65.00
(e) Contributions, Ravenna, Seattle.....				117.61	117.61
Rent Berwick Church Property.....				38.00	38.00
Bequest Elenor Nugent.....				790.58	790.58
Bequest, Alice H. Furry.....				580.32	580.32
Special Seaview Seattle (Ref. to Bd. of Edu.).....				25.30	25.30
NOTES RECEIVABLE —					
University Church, Kansas City, Kansas.....			600.00	550.00	1,150.00
Victory Memorial, Indianapolis, Ind.....	3,000.05	544.71	357.00	1,203.65	5,105.41
Indiana Board of Church Extension.....	3,000.00		1,500.00		4,500.00
Hugo, Okla.....	100.00	50.00		50.00	200.00
McGrew Estate in full.....		300.00			300.00
Westheights, Kansas City.....				150.00	150.00
Ravenna, Seattle, Wash.....				650.00	650.00
MORTGAGES RECEIVABLE —					
Asheville, North Carolina.....	200.00	250.00	100.00	200.00	750.00
Charlotte, North Carolina.....	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	800.00
(a) Barnes M. E. Church, Indianapolis.....			3,000.00		3,000.00
Christ, Brooklyn, New York.....	1,500.00				1,500.00
NOTES PAYABLE —					
H. A. Garrett.....		1,900.00	3,100.00	1,750.00	6,750.00
Sara McCulloch.....			200.00		200.00
Mrs. T. F. McCulloch.....			200.00	300.00	500.00
Margaret Thayer.....		1,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00
Millie Bowman.....			500.00		500.00
C. A. Dye.....			500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Emma Shepherd.....			100.00	300.00	400.00
N. G. Bethea.....			50.00		50.00
West Lafayette Bank Co.....		\$7,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$48,000.00
I. M. Swisher.....			100.00		100.00
W. I. Simpson.....			1,000.00		1,000.00
W. O. Swisher.....			1,700.00	1,000.00	2,700.00
Baker, Watts & Co.....		10,000.00			10,000.00
H. H. Mackey.....		14,999.00			14,999.00
Charles H. Beck.....				1,025.00	1,025.00
PROCEEDS OF MORTGAGES GIVEN —					
Security Home & Sav. Org.—Direct.....		4,600.00	12,900.00		17,500.00
Security Home & Sav. Org.—Thru K. C. Agt.....			500.00		500.00
(c) Pierce School Bldg. & Loan Assoc.....			4,656.50		4,656.50
Railroadmen's Bldg. & Loan Assoc.....		21,880.36		6,000.00	27,880.36
(c) J. W. Salmons.....		9,860.00			9,860.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Burnham.....		2,000.00			2,000.00
Commercial State Bank.....		15,000.00	4,000.00		19,000.00
Washington Mutual Savings Bank.....			11,822.31	8,177.69	20,000.00
(m) A. C. Rogers.....				9,512.16	9,512.16

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	1921	1922	1923	1924	Total
LAND, BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT:—					
Port Worth Building Plans, etc.....	\$ 15.00		\$ 650.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,385.00
erwick Parsonage.....		\$ 83.50	294.87	88.60	466.97
iversity, Kansas.....	926.60	20,907.50	5,363.28		27,197.38
ace Church, Indianapolis.....	1,546.55	28,084.41	26.96	530.36	30,188.28
mmmanuel, Philadelphia.....		20,315.00	4,656.50		24,971.50
) Montgomery, Capitol Heights.....				12,994.60	12,994.60
ictory Memorial, Indianapolis.....	3,579.65		456.25		4,035.90
) Westheights, Kansas City.....	4,185.00	14.60	20,663.49	473.05	25,336.14
) Ravenna, Seattle.....			16,353.31	8,563.30	24,916.61
) Western Highlands, Kansas City.....			1,000.00	301.61	1,301.61
illa Avenue Apartments.....	514.20	6,271.43		360.11	7,145.74
) Unity, Ind., Earnest Money.....		100.00			100.00
pecial for Chicago.....	50.00	25.00			75.00
" " Macedonia, Arkansas.....		100.00			100.00
) Logansport, Lots and Loan.....	5,773.00				5,773.00
seaview, Seattle Parsonage.....	3,000.00				3,000.00
Montgomery, Ala. Residence Property.....			854.53	720.58	1,575.11
) Bibb St., Montgomery, Exp. in con- nection with sale, etc.....			53.00	417.75	470.75
) Hand money on sale not consummated in Montgomery, Ala.....		500.00			500.00
nsurance and Taxes, Hancock, Mich.....		4.60	4.60	237.72	246.92
axes, Old Ravenna Lots.....	64.04	55.05	120.94	62.52	302.55
) Repairs a/c Fire, Victory Memorial.....			1,989.60		1,989.60
) Meridian Miss.....			10.00		10.00
axes, Orchard Hill Lots.....	17.44	20.24		17.17	54.85
) Forest Ave. Lots, Earnest Money and Exp.....				285.00	285.00
PAYMENTS ON MORTGAGES:					
Railroadmen's Bldg. & Savings Ass'n.....		2,520.64	1,854.38	2,030.92	6,405.94
Security Home & Savings Organization.....		1,070.00	2,560.00	2,155.00	5,785.00
Commercial State Bank.....		250.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	6,500.00
) Harry Fahringer.....		575.00			575.00
Mrs. Eliz. Burnham.....		2,000.00			2,000.00
Loeb Realty Co.....				2,000.00	2,000.00
) Armour & Co. on a/c Western High- lands Lots.....				1,200.00	1,200.00
) Western Construction Co., on a/c Ravenna Seattle.....				5,000.00	5,000.00
Washington Mutual Savings Bank.....				2,000.00	2,000.00
PAYMENTS ON NOTES:—					
) Trinity Church, Atlantic City, N. J.....			500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
West Lafayette Bank Co.....		2,924.75	17,575.25	11,000.00	31,500.00
) Oakland Savings & Trust Co.....			1,700.00	4,000.00	5,700.00
W. H. Gans.....			380.00		380.00
Frankfort, Indiana.....	610.00				610.00
Anderson Lumber Co. on a/c Capitol Hts., Montgomery.....				1,250.00	1,250.00
On a/c of Westheights Ch., Kansas City.....				5,850.00	5,850.00
On a/c of University Church, Kansas City.....				500.00	500.00
) Harry Fahringer.....				263.90	263.90
CONDITIONAL LOAN:					
Unity, Indianapolis.....		1,500.00			1,500.00
) CASH Advanced, H. C. STALEY.....	13,808.99				13,808.99
) " " CHARLES H. BECK.....	150.00				150.00
MISCELLANEOUS:—					
Refund Tax Deposit, Grace Church.....	5.44				5.44
Ministers Salary, later refunded.....	33.33				33.33
) Million Dollar Campaign Securities.....	866.00				866.00
Bd. of Edu. Spl. from Seaview, Seattle.....				25.30	25.30
Error Check No 45.....	.10				.10
BALANCES.....	\$78,427.93	\$144,273.47	\$136,180.81	\$107,293.11	\$466,175.32
	15,117.41	17,530.82	2,835.35	3,429.34	38,912.92
	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.06	\$110,722.45	\$505,088.24

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SALARIES (Continued)					
Fort Worth, Texas	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 2,193.34	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 3,022.00	\$ 9,210.34
Frankfort, Ind.	300.00	100.00			400.00
Georgia Conference Superintendent		208.33	291.67		500.00
Greensboro, North Carolina	249.98	250.00	250.00	229.16	979.14
Haworth, Oklahoma	300.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	1,800.00
Hugo, Oklahoma	900.00	750.00	600.00	600.00	2,850.00
Idabel, Oklahoma	666.65	725.00	600.00	300.00	2,291.65
Indianapolis, Grace Church	395.81	766.66	366.67	516.66	2,045.80
“ Unity Church	49.99				49.99
“ Victory Memorial	200.00	300.00	372.50	372.00	1,172.50
Illinois Conference Superintendent			666.67	666.67	1,333.34
Jacksonville, Florida	175.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	1,975.00
Kahoka, Missouri		33.33	266.67	400.00	700.00
Kansas City, Gordon Place		400.00	400.00	500.00	1,300.00
“ University	1,153.59	1,800.00	1,590.00	1,200.00	5,743.59
“ Westheights	866.67	1,150.00	1,295.00	705.00	4,016.67
Keokuk, Iowa	570.66	543.33	386.65	183.34	1,683.98
Lincoln, Arkansas			60.00		60.00
Logansport, Indiana	533.30	733.33	633.33	533.33	2,433.29
Magnolia, Arkansas	399.96	675.00	499.98	500.00	2,074.94
Mansfield, Arkansas	524.98	186.66	120.00		831.64
Montgomery, Alabama	137.50	300.00	345.84	400.00	1,183.34
North Mississippi Conf. Supt.		83.33	116.67		200.00
Oklahoma Conference Superintendent	399.98	433.33	200.00	200.00	1,233.31
Paris, Texas	1,486.34	1,350.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	5,036.34
Philadelphia, Emmanuel	499.98	500.00	458.33		1,458.31
Quinton, Oklahoma	750.00	750.00	575.00	400.00	2,475.00
San Angelo, Texas	639.98	620.00	549.98	500.00	2,309.96
Seattle, Ravenna	999.98	900.00	880.00	1,281.08	4,061.06
“ Seaview	1,800.00	1,766.66	1,699.99	1,700.00	6,966.65
Chicago, Avalon Park				200.00	200.00
ADMINISTRATIVE:—					
Salary, Secretary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00
“ Office Assistant	1,120.00	1,281.92	1,104.62	1,596.50	5,103.04
Office Rent	220.00	286.00	264.00	264.00	1,034.00
Stationery and Supplies	451.34	142.59	601.11	136.22	1,331.26
Telegrams		88.98	102.54	104.55	296.07
Telephone	33.45	55.63	48.00	48.00	185.08
(h) General Expense	367.06	1,481.95	1,201.72	1,177.09	4,227.82
Traveling Expense	902.24	799.56	928.19	1,024.20	3,654.19
Board Expense	508.60	394.46	566.27	270.00	1,739.33
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:—					
Special Campaign Expense			2,092.41	44.52	2,136.93
Office Equipment		99.40	411.29	7.00	517.69
Easter Expense	1,463.15	1,597.31	2,250.51	1,227.29	6,538.26
Annual Appropriation Miss. Movement			17.00		17.00
“ Home Miss. Council	100.00		200.00	100.00	400.00
Interest on Annuities	45.00	69.00	300.08	540.88	954.96
(h) Interest	18.30	656.01	6,357.52	9,264.14	16,295.97
Bonus Contracts and Commissions		1,950.00	4,190.00		6,140.00
Administrative Com. Expense		3.00			3.00
(d) Ecumenical Conf. Expense		750.00			750.00
Interchurch Underwriting	4,985.72				4,985.72
Forward Movement Assessment	59.37				59.37
Moving Expense	224.46				224.46
DONATION APPROPRIATIONS:—					
Weston, West Virginia	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,400.00
(e) Muncie, Indiana		628.48	1,500.00		2,128.48
Greensboro, North Carolina	48.00	42.00	36.00	24.00	150.00
Arkport, New York			250.00		250.00
Kendallville, Indiana			1,000.00		1,000.00
Middletown, Ohio			1,000.00		1,000.00
(i) Fourth Church, Pittsburgh			5,000.00		5,000.00
High Point, English Street		90.00	120.00	60.00	270.00
Southfields, Chicago		82.50			82.50
Wilmington, Delaware	5,000.00	15,000.00			20,000.00
1st Ch., Detroit, Michigan	3,000.00				3,000.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia	100.00				100.00
Harger Memorial, Detroit		3,000.00			3,000.00
Unity, Indianapolis		70.00			70.00
Keokuk, Oowa				66.00	66.66

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May 9, 1924.

The Board of Home Missions of
The Methodist Protestant Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

We have made an audit of the financial records of your Board for the Quadrennium ended April 30th, 1924, and present herewith a statement showing a summary of the receipts and disbursements. Detailed statements appear in our yearly audit reports for the period under review.

This audit has been made in a thorough manner and we hereby certify that we found all receipts properly accounted for and disbursements supported by satisfactory evidence of payment. The vouchers for disbursements were examined in the office of Mr. H. C. Staley, General Conference Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certified Public Accountant,
Member American Institute of Accountants.

QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT—(Continued)
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

SUMMARY

	1921	1922	1923	1924	TOTAL
BALANCES.....	\$10,473.53	\$15,117.41	\$17,530.82	\$ 2,835.35	\$ 45,957.11
RECEIPTS					
Budget Credit.....	27,388.16	27,233.63	34,642.16	38,852.84	127,116.79
Million Dollar Fund.....	18,123.49	1,759.13	559.12	86.04	20,527.78
Interchurch Fund.....	1,722.26	452.32	190.14	.75	1,865.47
Special Campaign.....			2,724.79	1,192.16	3,916.95
Direct from the Churches.....	\$46,233.91	\$229,445.08	\$38,116.21	\$40,131.79	\$153,926.99
All Other Sources.....	47,311.43	132,359.21	100,899.95	67,755.31	305,204.14
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.16	\$110,722.45	\$505,088.24
DISBURSEMENTS					
Administration.....	\$ 6,602.69	\$ 7,531.09	\$ 7,816.45	\$ 7,620.56	\$ 29,570.79
Missionaries Salaries.....	21,285.90	25,032.96	22,972.59	20,440.57	89,732.02
Land, Building, Equipment and Donation Appropriations.....	28,088.00	95,664.42	59,628.19	25,855.28	209,235.89
Other Purposes, including Payments on Notes, Mortgages, etc.....	22,451.34	16,045.00	45,763.58	53,376.70	137,636.62
	\$78,427.93	\$144,273.47	\$136,180.81	\$107,293.11	\$466,175.32
CASH BALANCES.....	15,117.41	17,530.82	2,835.25	3,429.34	38,912.82
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.06	\$110,722.45	\$505,088.24

- (a) Total proceeds of sale \$4,727.00. Cash \$1,727.00, Mortgages Receivable \$3,000.00 (Paid).
 (b) See both receipt and disbursement items.
 (c) To be paid by Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
 (d) Total cash drawn for expenses \$750.00. Refund \$250.00. Actual Expense \$500.00.
 (e) See Contra.
 (f) See return of Loan \$3,373.00.
 (g) See Contra. Lot not purchased.
 (h) Notes Payable \$700.00; General Expense \$ 80; Interest \$70.00.
 (i) Cash \$5,000.00 not yet due.
 (j) Purchase Price \$4,200.00. Paid \$2,200.00. \$2,000.00 taken care of by Mortgages Payable.
 (k) Salary Appropriation, Columbus, Ohio.
 (l) Received by Mr. Staley, transferred to the Secretary of the Board, and charged as a disbursement so as to not affect cash balance.
 (m) Amount of mortgage of \$20,000.00. Cash Proceeds \$9,512.16, Mortgage and Interest. Paid \$10,310.00. Expense in connection with same \$177.84.
 (n) See Refund.
 (o) Cash \$12,994.60. Notes Payable \$6,000.00.
 (p) Total Sale \$20,500.00. Mtg. Transferred \$10,000.00. Com. and Exp. deducted \$80.47. Cash Proceeds \$10,419.53. Com. and Exp. not deducted \$417.75 or a credit to the Capitol Heights Bldg. Fund from proceeds of sale of \$20,001.78.
 (q) Cash Proceeds \$2,815.76. Mortgage Assumed \$2,500.00. Interest and Expense \$184.24. Amount of Sale \$5,500.00.
 (r) Notes given in connection with the erection of the Berwick Parsonage \$575.00 and \$263.90 or \$838.90. Cash expenditures by the Board \$466.97 or \$1,305.87 our share of the erection expense.
 (s) Commission \$500.00. Mortgages \$22,000.00. Cost of property \$22,500.00. In 1923 \$500.00 Earnest Money was returned on account of failure to close sale.
 (t) Cash \$2,000.00. Notes Payable \$3,000.00.
 (v) Cash \$25,336.14. Notes taken care of \$5,850.00. Note not yet due \$1,000.00.
 (w) Cash \$24,916.61. Note to Western Construction Co. \$5,000.00. Local Contributions \$6,156.08.

XI. WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. A SUGGESTED PROGRAM

1. Plan to secure a full time pastor for every pastoral charge, with an adequate support for every minister.
2. Plan to secure necessary denominational oversight for all our smaller conferences.
3. Create a Rural Church Department, with a full time Assistant Secretary.
4. Plan for a closer co-operation between the Board of Home Missions and the Boards of Church Extension of the several conferences.
5. Establish a Bureau of Evangelism.
6. A study in Finance, past, present, and future.
7. Further develop the campaign of organization and building, with the slogan, "A new Methodist Protestant Church organized and properly housed in an important town or city in every conference within the coming quadrennium."
8. Organize a new financial campaign, to be called "The End of the Century Campaign," giving the Board of Home Missions the right of way for a great campaign for funds with which to carry out the comprehensive program outlined above.

1. FULL-TIME PASTORS The Methodist Protestant Church everywhere is interested in the welfare of every church within its borders, and the future of all the work of the denomination demands that every church be properly cared for, and every community properly served. In many of our western and southern conferences a large proportion of our ministers are compelled to supplement their salaries by some gainful occupation in order to provide for their families. The church at large should make it possible for the Board of Home Missions to supplement the salaries of these men, so as to give an adequate and efficient ministry to every charge within the organization. We should not only organize new churches, but we should study the fields already established, and make it possible for them to have a normal development.

Your Board of Home Missions has been making a survey of this subject for some years, and has given considerable time to securing information and seeking a method of meeting this very manifest denominational need. The following table will indicate something of the situation in the several conferences. The figures are estimates very largely but they have been made by men familiar with local conditions in every conference, and the final figures will not vary much from those submitted here. It has been deemed best in presenting such a statement to include the appropriations being made by the Board of Home Missions in the total estimates. This table should receive careful study.

Conference	Part-Time Pastors	Unsupplied Charges	Minimum Salary Full-Time	Maximum Salary Full-Time	Estimates for Full-Time
Alabama	18	1	\$ 500.00	\$1,800.00	\$ 6,500.00
Arkansas					
Colorado-Texas	9	4			6,000.00
Colorado-Texas (Col.).....	10	6	350.00	350.00	4,000.00
Eastern	11	3	600.00	3,000.00	12,300.00
Florida	4	1	600.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
Fort Smith-Oklahoma.....	26	5	600.00	1,800.00	13,900.00
Georgia	9		500.00	1,400.00	3,800.00
Georgia (Colored)	18	1			8,100.00
Illinois	19	1	1,000.00	3,000.00	13,500.00
Indiana	10		600.00	2,250.00	5,100.00

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM ENDED APRIL 30th, 1924

	Year ended April 30, 1921	Year ended April 30, 1922	Year ended April 30, 1923	Year Ended April 30, 1924	Totals
Balance, May 1st.....	\$10,473.53	\$ 15,117.41	\$ 17,530.82	\$ 2,835.35	\$ 10,473.53

RECEIPTS

Budget Distribution.....	26,388.16	27,233.63	34,642.16	38,852.84	127,116.79
Million Dollar Fund.....	18,123.49	1,759.13	559.12	86.04	20,527.78
Interchurch Fund.....	1,722.26	452.32	190.14	.75	2,365.47
Special Campaign.....			2,724.79	1,192.16	3,916.95
Total Collected from Churches.....	\$46,233.91	\$29,445.08	\$38,116.21	\$40,131.79	\$153,926.99
Borrowed Money.....		35,400.00	33,450.00	20,375.00	89,225.00
Notes, Mortgages, Annuities, Bequests, Sales of Properties, Refunds, etc., (a)	36,837.90	81,841.80	49,919.13	47,380.31	215,979.14
Total Receipts.....	\$83,071.81	\$146,686.88	\$121,485.34	\$107,887.10	\$459,131.13
Grand Totals.....	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.16	\$110,722.45	\$469,604.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration.....	\$ 6,602.69	\$ 7,531.09	\$ 7,816.45	\$ 7,620.56	\$ 29,570.79
Salaries of Missionaries.....	21,285.90	25,032.96	22,972.59	20,440.57	89,732.02
Payments on Borrowed Money.....		2,924.75	17,575.25	11,000.00	31,500.00
Land, Buildings, Equipments, Dona- tions and Appropriations, Pay- ments on Notes, Mortgages, Ac- counts, etc.....	50,539.34	108,784.67	87,816.52	68,231.98	315,372.51
Total Disbursements,.....	\$78,427.93	\$144,273.47	\$136,180.81	\$107,293.11	\$466,175.32
Balance, April 30th.....	15,117.41	17,530.82	2,835.35(b)	3,429.34	3,429.34
Grand Totals.....	\$93,545.34	\$161,804.29	\$139,016.16	\$110,722.45	\$469,604.66

(a) Includes some duplication of receipts due to transfer of funds to Mr. H. C. Staley, General Conference Treasurer, during the first year.

(b) \$44.19 of this amount was in transit on April 30th, 1924.

cultivate and nurture them if we are to reap the golden harvest of our denominational dreams. We must repair and rebuild the foundations, as well as develop new centers of denominational influence and power.

2. A second step in our planning to properly care for the work especially in the smaller conferences has to do with the conference organization. Our judgment and experience suggest that the smaller conference be provided with a missionary superintendency, that will bring wise counsel to those who need our help, and inspiration to some of our most faithful and devoted members. It is very probable that the suggestions made here will not be entirely approved by all who will be affected by the proposed changes, but with the denominational map before us, it seems as if these plans will secure the ends desired, and with the least expenditure of time and money.

Our first suggestion is as follows:

Add all the territory of both the Virginia and South Carolina Conferences to North Carolina. This is a geographical possibility, and will give inspiration and life to all the churches included in both the conferences named, and without detracting from the larger body.

We suggest the complete merger of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Conferences, with a full time President to give oversight and direction to the work.

We suggest that Mississippi and Louisiana be merged, and given special consideration by this General Conference.

We have groups in Kentucky, Middle, Western and Southern Tennessee, and North Mississippi which need special consideration. We recommend the employment of a missionary superintendent to give oversight to these groups, the Board of Home Missions supplementing the salary as far as may be necessary to secure a competent man for this work, but collecting as much of the expense as possible from the charges served. Because of the distance between these groups we would advise that each conference maintain its separate organization for the present.

Missouri and Arkansas need an oversight which neither conference seems to have been able to secure. The salary paid to the President will not secure the services of their best men for full time service, and this is the great need. This territory might be referred to the Board of Home Missions with instructions to make a special study of the fields and arrange such service as may seem to be wise.

We recommend that the Fort Smith-Oklahoma Conference continue to receive the sympathetic oversight of the Board of Home Missions, with necessary help in the support of the President of the Conference.

We also suggest that the work in Texas and in the Colorado-Texas Conference be given special consideration by the Board, with the employment of a field secretary for the Southwest when it seems to be wise and possible to do so. This Field Secretary would be expected to give himself full time to perfecting the organizations already effected, organizing in new fields, and seeking to give inspiration to our work and assistance to our workers.

We recommend the Illinois Conference to the sympathetic consideration of the General Conference, and suggest that the plan of the Board in assisting in the support of the President of the Conference as a missionary superintendent be continued at the discretion of the Board of Home Missions.

The Kansas Conference needs the sympathetic co-operation of the rest of the church, and a plan might be developed by which the Iowa-Missouri, Kansas and Missouri might be placed together to the advantage of the entire group. If the policy is approved, and the funds needed are available, your Board of Home Missions will be glad to assist in planning for an adequate superintendency in all this territory.

Conference	Part-Time Pastors	Unsup- plied Charges	Minimum Salary Full-Time	Maximum Salary Full-Time	Estimates for Full-Time
Iowa-Missouri	2	14	800.00	1,800.00	4,000.00
Kansas	10	5	1,000.00	2,400.00	8,500.00
Kentucky	13		500.00	500.00	500.00
Louisiana	24	3	1,000.00	1,300.00	14,675.00
Maryland	39		1,200.00		7,549.00
Michigan	21		1,000.00	2,000.00	8,200.00
Mississippi	13	4	600.00	1,100.00	7,500.00
Missouri	20				7,600.00
North Carolina	19		600.00	2,500.00	8,210.00
North Mississippi	15				8,000.00
Ohio	6		1,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Onondaga	21		800.00	1,600.00	9,950.00
Pittsburgh	8				4,000.00
South Carolina	10	1			5,000.00
South Carolina (Col.)....	6				2,500.00
Tennessee	3	4			3,500.00
Texas	21	5	700.00	1,800.00	8,150.00
Virginia	9				5,350.00
Washington Mission	2			2,000.00	2,540.00
West Virginia	39	1	1,000.00	3,000.00	17,850.00
	435	59			\$202,104.00

As noted above, a part of this is already provided in appropriations being made by the Board of Home Missions. Some part is also provided by the Boards of Church Extension of the several conferences. But by far the larger part of this work remains undone, and it should have the serious attention of this General Conference.

The pastorless church soon becomes a dead church. The part time pastor is better than no minister, but in many cases this part time service only extends the dying agonies of an unsuccessful church. In the organization of a church in a given community we accept a kingdom responsibility for that community and we have no right to occupy the territory and neglect to supply the means of grace to those who wait upon our ministry. Too long have we given stones to those who have asked us for bread.

Here are definite, tangible facts. If we wish to develop our denominational field here is the place to begin. We present no figures for Arkansas and Pittsburgh. These figures when secured will add to each item presented here. But enough is reported to show that we have a denominational responsibility here of very large proportions. This is the answer to that question, "Why does our membership roll show no greater increase year by year? We build new churches, and expand our work in one section, and lose in others because of an inadequate and an inefficient ministry. No church can prosper under the leadership of a pastor who gives his brawn and brain to secular pursuits six days a week, and gives the burned out candle of his abilities to the congregations which come to him on the Sabbath to receive the bread of eternal life.

There should be a more complete survey of our denominational field before the proposed program can be put into operation. This is provided for in a later recommendation. This is foundation work, and should have precedence over every other denominational interest. If we allow our organization to break down, and our churches to disintegrate nothing else that we propose to do is possible. We have turned deaf ears to appeals for help from our churches on our denominational frontiers, but the time is here when another course must be adopted. We must not only plant churches, but we must

new Methodist Protestant Churches within the conference this year? Can such a plan be properly manned, and adequately financed? Other questions would arise for consideration.

Such a plan should bring every annual conference into a definite contact with the church at large through the agency of this Board, and should release funds for needed work in every conference without largely increasing the responsibilities of the Board of Home Missions. In other words, whatever of experience and ability the Board of Home Missions might possess would in this manner be made available to every annual conference through its Board of Church Extension. There would go out through this combination an appeal to every conference for special development within its own territory that should result in a great development of interest, with a much larger contribution of funds for work of this character.

If this proposition meets with the approval of this General Conference, we would recommend a new item to be inserted in Article III of the Constitution of the Board of Home Missions to be numbered item 3. The present items following number 2, to be pushed forward and renumbered. We suggest that this item read as follows:

"The Secretary of this Board shall be an Ex-officio member of the Boards of Church Extension in the several conferences, with full powers except that of voting. He shall meet with these several Boards at each annual meeting, and at other meetings as may be desirable, and shall be recognized as the representative of the Board of Home Missions with such powers as may have been conferred upon him by the said Board."

We also suggest that Article I of the Constitution of the Boards of Church Extension be amended so as to read as follows:

"The conference shall elect five members—three ministers and two laymen—who with the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, ex-officio, shall constitute the Board of Church Extension. The members elected by the annual conference shall continue in office for the period of one year, or until their successors are elected by the Annual Conference. The Secretary of the Board of Home Missions shall have full powers of membership in the several Boards, except the privilege of voting."

This plan may seem to be immature, and it may need much revision to make it most effective, but we are sure the idea is right, and by putting it into operation, we will discover the features that may need to be changed.

5. There is need for a Bureau of Evangelism in the Methodist Protestant Church. The Board made such a venture some years ago, and the results were not satisfactory from a financial point of view. We think, however, that a plan can be developed, if the proposition meets the approval of this General Conference by which successful evangelists and churches needing such assistance can be brought together without a great expense to this Board.

6. Your Board of Home Missions believes that some changes should be made in the financial plans of the denomination. All will remember that it was decided to not repeat either the Million Dollar or Interchurch Campaigns for money during the closing quadrennium, but to include in the General Conference Budget a sum sufficient to finance the missionary, educational, and other special enterprises of the church. Under this decision, the total Budget for the quadrennium was fixed at \$2,000,000, payable at the rate of \$500,000 per year. Of

Our work in Washington too should have close supervision, than the Board has felt free to give. Criticisms from certain quarters have kept the Board from sending the Secretary or some other member of the Board to visit that work as often as it should have been visited. It is our judgment that some one from the east should visit our Seattle churches each year, and remain long enough to visit all the churches and meet many of the people.

This outline would require supplemental salaries for the Kentucky, Tennessee, North Mississippi group, for Illinois and Fort Smith-Oklahoma. If a field Secretary should be employed for the southwest, this would add an additional salary. These Presidents and missionary superintendents would be our Field Agents in the development of our plans for a full time ministry.

Much of this program, however, will be absolutely impossible unless the General Conference can find a way to largely increase the funds available for our work.

3. The next step in the development of the machinery needed to meet the present requirements of the church is the organization of a Rural Church Department. A very large proportion of the Methodist Protestant Churches are rural. The country church in many places needs special attention. The organization proposed in the preceding item will make it possible to discover needs and opportunities for service.

It is our judgment that the General Conference should elect, or direct the Board of Home Missions to appoint, an assistant Secretary for Home Missions, who shall work under the direction of the Board of Home Missions and the Secretary, to the Board, and who shall give himself to a thorough study of rural church conditions in the Methodist Protestant Church. Such an assistant Secretary would give assistance in the surveys proposed in item 1, and would perform such other duties as might be assigned to him by the Secretary of the Board. Literature, additional office space, and clerical help would be needed, and should be allowed in the development of the plans proposed.

4. The fourth recommendation proposes a closer affiliation between the Board of Home Missions and the Boards of Church Extension of the several conferences. The Secretary of the Board of Home Missions might be made an Ex officio member of all of these Boards, with all the powers of membership except that of the vote. The approach to any proposition in a given conference might be made through the President and the Board of Church Extension. The funds might be kept separate or be combined as might be decided in a given case. There should be a meeting before the annual session of the conferences, and a definite program should be outlined to cover the discovered needs within the territory of the conference as far as the available funds would make possible. A survey might be necessary to ascertain just what it would be advisable to undertake in any given year, but all of this might be provided for in the closer co-operation suggested.

Questions like this might be considered. Does this conference have a full time President? Is it desirable that the President be required to devote his full time to the work of the conference? Are there funds available for his support? How many pastoral charges are unable to give a full time support to a full time pastor? Can the salaries proposed be so supplemented as to secure the whole time service of the pastors assigned? If funds are not in hand or in sight, would a campaign for funds be advisable within the coming year? Are there new fields that should be surveyed with a view to opening

Year	Assessment Budget	Including all funds			Total
1897.....	\$4,921.17	"	"	"	\$4,921.17
1898.....	7,572.88	"	"	"	7,572.88
1899.....	4,707.58	"	"	"	4,707.58
1900.....	6,168.90	"	"	"	6,168.90
1901.....	7,118.04	"	"	"	7,118.04
1902.....	7,842.54	"	"	"	7,842.54
1903.....	7,648.15	"	"	"	7,648.15
1904.....	9,125.88	"	"	"	9,125.88
1905.....	9,267.72	"	"	"	9,267.72
1906.....	10,399.32	"	"	"	10,399.32
1907.....	11,598.04	"	"	"	11,598.04
1908.....	11,765.68	"	"	"	11,765.68
1909.....	11,561.76	"	"	"	11,561.76
		Easter	Special		
1910.....	8,446.50	\$3,476.10			11,922.60
1911.....	9,061.53	3,032.27			12,093.80
1912.....	8,950.54	4,409.54			13,360.19
1913.....	10,351.20	4,235.25	\$5.00		14,591.45
1914.....	12,098.30	3,938.96	927.87		16,956.13
1915.....	11,788.36	5,843.00	180.45		17,711.81
1916.....	11,579.23	3,575.77	1,398.38		16,553.38
1917.....	13,758.94	7,184.12	191.24		21,154.30
1918.....	14,974.41	8,259.27	555.51		23,789.19
1919.....	17,100.38	7,633.82	752.79		25,486.99
1920.....	14,780.82	10,672.68	767.45		26,220.95
1921.....	17,151.90	7,479.47	1,756.79		26,388.16
1922.....	12,484.39	12,615.10	2,134.14		27,233.63
1923.....	14,062.39	18,659.61	1,920.16		34,642.16
1924.....	12,937.32	23,867.49	2,048.03		38,852.84

This is an interesting schedule. It will be noted that there is a considerable variation in the amount reported as Easter Offering from year to year. This is to be accounted for in part by the fact that Easter is a variable festival, and in some years comes very close to April 30, the end of the fiscal year of the Board. If in a given year Easter is very late, as it was in 1924, a very small part of the offering will reach the treasury before the books must close. If it happened that Easter the preceding year had been quite early, as it was in 1923, the larger part of the offerings would be in before the books closed. This might give a larger sum for a given year than is properly creditable to that year, and a smaller sum than should properly belong to the following year. This might be equalized somewhat if the pastors and Sunday School and Church Treasurers were prompt in making remittances. As it is, it makes an unsatisfactory showing on our books in these unusual years. Attention is respectfully called to the fact too that the special offerings have been developed from nothing under the present administration.

OUR NEEDS

It has been suggested that this Board set up a Budget of estimates based upon our known needs for the next quadrennium. It is clearly understood that this Budget cannot possibly be met with the income at the standard of the closing and former quadrenniums, but it is believed that a plain statement of need and opportunity would be a good thing to set before the church at large, as well as before this General Conference.

this amount your Board of Home Missions was apportioned 25 per cent or \$500,000 in four years, payable at the rate of \$125,000 per year. In order to correct an error, this was reduced by the Executive Committee of the General Conference to \$120,000 per year, or a total of \$480,000 for the four years. Uncollected pledges were reported to the General Conference from the Million Dollar Fund amounting to about \$200,000 and about \$150,000 on the Interchurch Fund. These if collected in full would have given our Board an income of \$75,000, making a total of expected receipts of \$555,000 for the quadrennium. About one-fourth of the Budget apportionment has been collected from the entire denomination, and about one-third of these unpaid pledges for the special campaigns. The exact figures showing our receipts from these sources will be found in the tabulated report.

This deficit in expected receipts has been exceedingly embarrassing for our Board. We began the period with nearly one-third of the Million Dollar Campaign unfinished, with promises to the mission fields that this work would be carried to completion at the earliest possible date. Then there has been the normal development of our work with constantly increasing demands upon our Treasury. Each year of the quadrennium, your Board has faced applications at the Annual Meeting totaling \$200,000 or more. Our situation would have been exceedingly difficult, had the Budget been paid in full, and all the unpaid Million Dollar and Interchurch pledges paid. With the receipts falling so far below our expectations, we have been compelled to revise our program each year, and defer important enterprises until some fields have been placed in jeopardy. Some way must be found by which the funds of this Board can be increased to meet the demands made upon us by the church. They cannot possibly be met with an income such as this report will show.

In view of these and other facts, we very respectfully offer the following suggestions:

It is our judgment that the plan of including all special offerings in the distributive fund limits the initiative of the several Boards and Institutions, makes our special work an impersonal thing, and has a tendency to destroy the interest of the contributors. We might present an argument here, but think it unnecessary to do so. The statement is so self-evident that it does not need the support of a discussion. We believe that it will increase the interest of our churches and people in the work of our Boards and Institutions if it shall be clearly understood that all special contributions to any interest shall be credited as an addition to the receipts of the particular Board or Institution from the undesignated funds.

We therefore suggest that the present rule for distribution be amended so as to read "and shall not be charged against the allotment for that interest." See Journal 1920, page 104, item 11, second paragraph, last line.

The effect of the proposed change will be to instruct the Treasurer to place all special offerings including the Special Days Offerings, immediately to the credit of the Board or Institution designated, and to make the calculations for distribution upon the undesignated funds. The designated funds are already the property of the Board or Institution named, and cannot lawfully become a part of the distributive fund.

The following table will show how these special offerings have grown through the years, and indicate their importance as a part of the income of the Board of Home Missions.

New Churches are needed at	Estimated Cost	Probable Appropriation Needed
Meridian, Mississippi	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
Corsicana, Texas	40,000.00	10,000.00
San Angelo, Texas.....	25,000.00	10,000.00
Hugo, Okla.	25,000.00	10,000.00
Jacksonville, First Church.....	40,000.00	20,000.00
Jacksonville, Norwood	20,000.00	10,000.00
Indianapolis, Grace Church, completed.....	40,000.00	20,000.00
Indianapolis, Unity, completed.....	30,000.00	10,000.00
Idabel, Okla.	10,000.00	5,000.00
Chicago, Chatham Fields.....	40,000.00	20,000.00
Chicago, Avalon Park (Rebuilt).....	40,000.00	10,000.00
Chicago, Wakeford (Rebuilt).....	40,000.00	10,000.00
Logansport, Ind.	30,000.00	10,000.00
Philadelphia, Emanuel (Completed).....	50,000.00	10,000.00
Kansas City, Mo., Church of the Woods.....	10,000.00	5,000.00
Columbus West Lane Ave., New Location....	30,000.00	10,000.00
San Antonio, Texas, colored.....	10,000.00	5,000.00
Savannah Georgia, colored.....	10,000.00	5,000.00
Atlanta, Georgia	40,000.00	10,000.00
Eagletown, Okla.	10,000.00	5,000.00
Camden, New Jersey.....	40,000.00	10,000.00
Canton, Ill.	30,000.00	10,000.00
Paris, Ill.	30,000.00	5,000.00
St. Bernice, Ind.....	30,000.00	10,000.00
St. John's, Overbrook, Pittsburgh.....	50,000.00	10,000.00
Uniontown, Pa.	75,000.00	10,000.00
Mansfield Ark. (Completed).....	2,500.00	2,500.00
Kansas City, Westheights (Completed).....	40,000.00	10,000.00
Kansas City, University (Completed).....	40,000.00	10,000.00
Monroe, La.	25,000.00	10,000.00
Coolidge, Texas	10,000.00	5,000.00
Kalamazoo, Mich.	30,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>\$982,500.00</u>	<u>\$317,500.00</u>

PROPOSED NEW FIELDS

As a matter of denominational strategy, we should meet the following demands out of the many that are being presented to this Board for consideration. To do so will require for the first year probably the sums estimated. For the succeeding years, the amount may be increased or decreased as the developments may suggest. However, the property estimates made would probably cover the requirements for the quadrennium. The salary would probably be reduced each year, but the figures here estimate the minimum guarantee for the first year.

Proposed New Fields	Buildings and Grounds	Salary	Parsonage	Total
Birmingham, Ala. 2nd	\$15,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$700.00	\$17,500.00
Montgomery, Ala., 2nd	15,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	17,500.00
Alexander City.....	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	17,500.00
Pittsburgh, Sharps- burg Dist.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Columbus, West Lane Ave.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Newark, Ohio	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Cleveland, Ohio	25,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	27,900.00

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TO COVER DEFICITS

Indebtedness due previous to April 30, 1925.....	\$64,145.00
Indebtedness due previous to April 30, 1926.....	18,770.00
Indebtedness due previous to April 30, 1927.....	35,320.00
Indebtedness due previous to April 30, 1928.....	13,220.00
	<hr/> \$131,455.00

APPROPRIATIONS DUE

	1924	1925	1926	1927	Total
Arkport, N. Y.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$	\$	\$ 750.00
Rowlesb'g, W. Va.	500.00	500.00			1,000.00
Middletown, O.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$2,000.00	<hr/> \$1,750.00	<hr/> \$1,000.00	<hr/> \$1,000.00	<hr/> \$5,750.00

NEW CHURCHES PROJECTED, PLEDGES MADE OR SUGGESTED

	Donation	Loan	Total
Seattle, Seaview	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
Kansas City, Gordon Place.....	15,000.00	.....	15,000.00
Fort Worth, Texas.....	20,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00
Cincinnati, Mt. Lookout.....	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
Greensboro, N. C., West End.....	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Lexington, N. C., State St.....	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Ventnor City N. J., Trinity.....	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00
Rochester, N. Y., Roselawn.....	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00
Chicago, Avalon Park.....	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
Chicago, Southfields	5,500.00	.....	5,500.00
Detroit, First Church.....	7,000.00	.....	7,000.00
Detroit, Harger Memorial.....	7,000.00	.....	7,000.00
	<hr/> \$124,500.00	<hr/> \$35,000.00	<hr/> \$159,500.00

NEW CHURCHES NEEDED

The following is a list of places where new churches should be built within the next quadrennium. Some of these are churches established by this Board. Others have been developed under Annual Conference direction, but need equipment which cannot be secured from the local field, and which must be paid for in part by the Annual Conference, or the General Conference through the Board of Home Missions, or by joint action of the two agencies.

In this list suggestions will be made as to the cost of the buildings needed, and as to the appropriations which should be made by this Board on such a plan. This is only suggestive, of course, but in nearly every case personal investigations have been made and the figures given are not more than the situations would justify and require. Let me remind you again that these are estimates of what should be done by the denomination in its Home Mission Fields during the next quadrennium, not a program of what it is proposed to do.

Of course this is an impossible ideal, until such time as the Methodist Protestant Church can be aroused to her duties, and opportunities in the Home Mission fields. But there are certain parts of this program that are imperative, and must be arranged for at an early date. To fail here is to lose much of the investment of years in time and money and effort. The first item listed in the Recapitulation noted above, namely, Supplemental Salaries must have attention. Included in that list are the payments now being made by the Board of Home Missions on salaries to missionary pastors, and the appropriations being made by the annual conferences. In Maryland this item is being fully cared for at the present time by the Annual Conference. In Ohio we assist in only one field. West Virginia, Indiana and North Carolina are doing fine work on these lines. Other conferences are doing something but in all the conferences more should be done, and more can be done with a proper response to competent leadership. In our judgment first attention should be given to the item of Supplemental salaries.

The second item reporting the arrangement of the indebtedness of the Board must also have most careful consideration. This debt should be reduced just as rapidly as the other necessities of the work will permit. This debt would not have been incurred had the church met even fifty per cent of the amount expected.

The third item to receive attention should be the completion of the unfinished building program. In the very nature of the case our work must be planned for years ahead. Plans are made for the development of certain fields; to secure the most hearty and intelligent co-operation we must make these plans with the people in the various mission stations and we followed precedent in anticipating our income year by year. As soon as it was discovered that we had been overly confident, we immediately began to curtail our work. Our program for the quadrennium is unfinished. Fort Worth has been discussed in other sections of this report. To have carried that church through would have required a donation of \$15,000 and a loan of from \$5,000 to \$15,000, or a total of from \$20,000 to \$30,000. At Seaview, Seattle, to have built would have required a donation of \$20,000 and a loan of \$10,000. At Gordon Place, Kansas City, a donation of \$15,000. At Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, we have promised interest on a loan of \$24,000. That field should have a donation of \$15,000 and a loan of from \$5,000 to \$15,000 as the case might require. It would have required from \$80,000 to \$100,000 to complete the program for this period. This building should be done as soon as possible. The rest of the plan for new churches projected should also be completed at the earliest possible date, but the ones noted above are the most urgent.

We have purposely left Administration Expenses until the fourth item. These are down to the minimum, except the suggestion for the Rural Church Department. It will cost not far from \$5,000 per year for this department. Shall it be created? We ask the General Conference to make this decision.

Is it possible for the Methodist Protestant Church to undertake such a program as has been outlined here? Unless the receipts can be largely increased, we must not only cancel the proposed enlarged program, but we must reduce the possible program below the standard of the last quadrennium. The percentage allowed the Board of Home Missions by the General Conference of 1920 if paid in full will not be sufficient to support the demands which the church is making upon this Board. We are anxious to do all that the church thinks we ought to do. But we cannot meet the demands that are being made upon this Board by the church without more money. It cannot be done.

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Proposed New Fields	Buildings and Grounds	Salary	Parsonage	Total
Toledo, Ohio	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Dayton, Ohio	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Akron, Ohio	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Port Huron, Mich.....	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	12,500.00
Fort Smith, Ark.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Hot Springs, Ark.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Batesville, Ark.	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	12,500.00
Fayetteville, Ark.	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	12,500.00
Oklahoma, City, Okla...	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Duncan, Okla.	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	12,500.00
Prague, Okla.	5,000.00	1,200.00	300.00	6,500.00
Greenville, Texas	10,000.00	1,800.00	700.00	12,500.00
Millville, N. J., Third....	5,000.00	1,200.00	300.00	6,500.00
Charleston, W. Va.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Wheeling, W. Va.....	15,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	17,900.00
Flora, Ill.	5,000.00	1,500.00	500.00	7,000.00
Muskogee, Okla.....	25,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	27,900.00
Tulsa, Okla.	25,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	27,900.00
Chickasha, Okla.	25,000.00	2,000.00	900.00	27,900.00
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.....	10,000.00	2,000.00	600.00	12,600.00
	\$380,000.00	\$50,300.00	\$20,800.00	\$451,100.00

There is hardly a limit to this list. All the places named here have been considered as suitable locations for our work. In several instances careful surveys have been made, and some preliminary steps taken, but all of these have been held in abeyance until the funds in sight would enable us to open new work. If it was announced that such a list as this is being prepared, I am sure it could be extended to one hundred names within a few hours. There may be other fields which would develop more rapidly than any of these named, but this list, hastily compiled, without consultation with conference officials, certainly offers a great challenge to the Methodist Protestant Church. It will require men and money to adequately finance this work, but this provided, we could have self-supporting churches in every field in from five to ten years. These are great wide open doors.

RECAPITULATION

Supplemental salaries to give full time service to every pastoral charge	\$202,104.00
Supplemental salaries to give full time Conference Missionary Superintendents	4,000.00
Indebtedness due previous to May 1, 1925.....	64,145.00
Indebtedness due previous to May 1, 1926.....	18,770.00
Indebtedness due previous to May 1, 1927.....	35,320.00
Indebtedness due previous to May 1, 1928.....	13,220.00
Rural Church Department, four years.....	20,000.00
Secretary's salary (on present basis).....	12,000.00
Office Secretary, estimated.....	6,000.00
Office rent, equipment, telephone, and other incidentals.....	2,000.00
Board expense	2,000.00
Traveling expense	3,000.00
General expense	2,000.00
Stationery, postage, supplies.....	2,000.00
Suggested appropriations for new buildings, already projected	159,500.00
Suggested appropriations for new buildings, proposed.....	317,500.00
Required appropriations for new fields proposed, if opened	451,100.00
Needed for Board of Home Mission in the next 4 years.....	\$1,314,059.00

organized Board of Church Extension, this plan would need to be modified somewhat, and the funds raised within the conference would need to be supplemented by contributions from the regular funds of the Board of Home Missions. These details must be met as the plans are developed.

Let it be clearly understood that your Board of Home Missions does not advise any program for the coming quadrennium which is not fully underwritten by the Annual Conferences interested, or covered by funds in prospect from the church at large.

With such a program adequately supported, we can double the membership of the church within the next twenty years. Give us this quadrennium for Home Missions, and we will so deepen, broaden, and strengthen the foundations that every other interest will feel the impetus of this new movement, and respond with the greatest activity in the history of the church. Let us organize this great "End of the Century Campaign" for Home Missions and Church Extension.

IN CONCLUSION

Your Board of Home Missions believes that this General Conference should outline a policy and a program for this Board. We have discussed here a great program, a program which might very easily be expanded to require a million five hundred thousand dollars to carry it through within the coming quadrennium. Is it too comprehensive for the Methodist Protestant Church? It ought not to be. Seven dollars and fifty cents per member in four years is not too much for the Methodist Protestant Church to spend for Home Missions, three and a half cents a week to help make America Christian. One-half cent a day from every member of the church will carry out that program. Is that too much to expect from our people?

We as a Board have desired to carry out the wishes of the General Conference but we have been left very largely to adopt our own policies, and formulate our own programs. We are sure the new Board will welcome definite instructions from this body as to the work to be done in the next four years. What does this General Conference desire to have done through the agency of the Board of Home Missions? Shall the new Board seriously undertake the task of solving the problem presented by the part time ministry which has been discussed here? It can be done, with the proper spirit of service and co-operation.

Will this General Conference make the changes in boundaries proposed, or other changes which will strengthen these smaller conferences, and make it possible for them to have an adequate superintendency?

Shall the proposed Rural Church Department be created? If so, shall the Assistant Secretary be elected by this body, or appointed by the Board of Home Missions?

Shall the Board of Home Missions have the full benefit of the Special Offerings for Home Missions, including the Easter Offerings? Or shall these special funds be thrown into a common pool for distribution?

Shall the Board of Home Missions complete the program of building outlined here most of which has already been ordered done, and which has been deferred on account of a lack of funds? Or shall this program be abandoned because the funds will not make its completion possible?

Will the General Conference approve the further extension of our building program with the slogan, "A New Methodist Protestant Church in Every Conference?" Will the General Conference approve our proposed "End of the Century" Campaign?

Or should this Board adopt a program of strictest economy? The funds must be increased, or the Board must curtail all building opera-

HOW CAN MORE MONEY BE SECURED?

We believe that the Methodist Protestant Church should accept every opportunity and every responsibility in the most serious manner. If we as a denomination are either unable or unwilling to minister to those who look to us for the Gospel we should consider nothing less than immediate retirement from every field to which we cannot give adequate and proper service. Here are facts which we as a denomination must face. We cannot maintain our denominational self-respect and do less than is indicated here. Let us accept the challenge of the church, and the Kingdom and make our plans to meet at least the minimum of our responsibility.

Here is our plan. The General Conference of 1920 will round out a century of Methodist Protestantism. We have discussed some of the outstanding needs and opportunities of the denomination. What better thing can be done in commemoration of this closing quadrennium of the century than to give the Board of Home Missions the right of way for a great building campaign, with a slogan something like this: "A full time pastor for every charge and a new Methodist Protestant Church organized and properly housed in every conference within the quadrennium." The Board of Home Missions is doing the foundation work of the church. There are places where the foundations must be repaired and others where additions must be made to the building. Your Board has a vision of greater service to the church and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It has most of the machinery needed for this larger service. It is in possession of most of the facts, and knows how to secure further information as needed. Let us cease our lamentations over the fact that our gains and our losses so nearly balance year by year. Let us repair the broken walls, cultivate the neglected fields and our deserts shall blossom like the rose.

If the General Conference will authorize the Board of Home Missions to put on such a program as this, it would be our plan to organize the entire church, conference by conference in connection with the several Boards of Church Extension. We would put on a campaign in each conference for funds to cover the program agreed upon for that conference for the current year. This "End of the Century Fund" would not be included in the budget either in receipts or expenditures, but would be a special fund raised in the several conferences and expended for work within the conference territory. From this fund we would hope to cover the supplementary salary appropriations in the several conferences, and the expenses of the necessary missionary organizations, and building operations. The work done in each conference therefore would depend entirely upon the response from the conference itself and no appropriation should be made in any conference under this plan which is not fully underwritten by the conference through its Board of Church Extension, or other designated organization. We would expect the canvassing for funds to be planned by the Board of Church Extension of the several Annual Conferences, in conference with the Secretary and other representatives of the Board of Home Missions. The campaign might be directed from the Headquarters of the Board of Home Missions, but the detailed field work would necessarily be done by the members of the conference and representatives of the local churches. The expense of the campaign would be kept to the minimum, volunteer service being used as far as possible.

We believe that the Board of Home Missions has the greatest opportunity in our denominational organization to serve the church and the Kingdom. Every Annual Conference turns to our Board for help in the solution of its most difficult problems. Our greatest demands are from our largest and best organized conferences, and the quickest and surest returns to the church for its investments are from the territory in which our church is already well known.

In the missionary conferences, where we do not have a well

Report of the Women's Home Missionary Society

May 1, 1920, to May 1, 1924.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society during this quadrennium. We are truly grateful to Him for the development of the work, both in the centers of activities and in the churches—the base of supply. No one will ever know what could have been accomplished in His name had we had the income sufficient to meet the great opportunities that have come to us at our present centers and at new places urgently calling us to open work. We have however pushed steadily forward at Pine Ridge, Ky., in our work among foreign speaking people in Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Children's Home at High Point, N. C. We have also contributed to the Bethel Home for tubercular patients at Weaverville, N. C. At present we are planning for a Home for working girls in Baltimore, Md., and will open work among foreign speaking people on the Ohio river as soon as a suitable worker can be found to take charge of this work.

Indiana Branch contributes to the Methodist Protestant Deaconess Home, Indianapolis, Ind., and the Washington-Virginia Branch to interdenominational work among the Lepers in Louisiana. Much work is done by individual auxiliaries and Branches in the different conferences that is not reported to the Board.

During the summer of 1920 the proposition for a school for colored people in Texas was turned over to the Board of Education with all the cash and pledges taken at the last General Conference; all paid in by the Colorado-Texas Branch of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, colored; and all monies from all sources paid us for this purpose.

Because of the problems surrounding this enterprise it was thought expedient to turn it over to a Board composed of men.

THE BASE OF SUPPLY

The growth and development of the Woman's Home Missionary Society depends entirely on the organization of auxiliaries in the local churches which compose the Branches in the Conferences. In 1920 we had reporting 7 Branches aggregating 70 auxiliaries with a membership of 1792 active members and 183 honorary members; we had 1 Young People's Society with 26 active members and 8 honorary members; total money raised by the Branches including that raised for the special Branch work in Pittsburgh and North Carolina was \$5984.76. Of this amount only \$3883.68 was sent to the National Treasurer.

At present according to available figures we have 16 Branches aggregating 287 auxiliaries with 5219 active members, 296 honorary members; 65 Young People's Societies with 1064 members; 24 Home Circles with 402 members and 738 "Buds of Hope"—children under 6 years of age. This means an increase in organization for the quadrennium of 9 Conferences or Branches, 217 local churches or auxiliaries, with 3427 active members and 113 honorary members; 64 Young People's Societies with 1030 members; 22 Home Circles—children from 6 to 14—with a membership of 365 and 738 babies enrolled in the "Buds of Hope," a total of 4570 adult members and 1140 children and babies, making a grand total of members at the present of 7719.

tions, and close up in fields which cannot be held without permanent buildings. Salary appropriations must be reduced to the minimum, and discontinued in many fields. To lower administration expense will be at a loss of efficiency.

"If the "End of the Century" Campaign should not be approved, will the conference authorize an "Every Member Campaign" for the payment of our deficit? We prefer the first because it looks to the development of the whole denomination, while the second only covers expense already incurred. Unless the progressive policy is adopted the Board must close its doors against all applications for new work for some years to come. It cannot meet a demand from the church which has exceeded \$200,000 per year for the last four years on an income of a little less than 26½% of \$120,000 per year.

Your Board of Home Missions most earnestly prays for the wisdom that is from above to guide you in all your deliberations, and sincerely hopes that a policy and a program will be adopted here which will enable this Board to command the co-operation and support of the entire denomination in its work of helping to make America Christian.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST PRO-
TESTANT CHURCH

H. A. SICKER, President
CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

and in the schools, and yet there seems to be an inevitable barrier, hard to bridge. One way to bridge the chasm is just Christian friendliness. How proud he is to call you friend!

When the work was first opened, in the center of the mill district, a house was rented at 3015 Penn Avenue. A survey showed that 83 per cent of the population was of foreign parentage, leaving but 17 per cent American and Negro, with 16 nationalities, Polish and Slavic being in the majority.

The housing conditions are lamentable; these are aggravated because many of the families take in boarders. Mill workers are employed in three shifts, thus making possible the repeated use of the beds, and six and eight boarders are cared for in two rooms, with a family numbering the same.

In the one square where the Mission is located, 32 families house 169 boarders, the members of the families numbering 170. Much of the immorality, desertion and crime of this neighborhood is due to the fact of the presence of the male boarders in nearly all foreign families. Another cause is the large number of speakeasies. Before prohibition there were 78 licensed saloons, 10 clubs, 8 drugstores, a total of 96 drinking places, as well as dope-joints, in an area of three-fifths of a mile. Now I am told, drinks can be secured at any store, even a butcher shop.

When a small group of women undertook to establish the uplift work among the foreign children, they were almost overwhelmed by the swarming masses which responded. The method adopted to win them was through instruction in sewing, knitting, rug-making, etc. This was followed by house visitation and Christian service to meet their need. Then followed religious education in both Sunday school and in the day classes, where personal influence was brought to bear, so that each pupil was helped in the building up of Christian character.

An unusually fine response came from the factory girls, for which we have two night classes, numbering 25 and 30, respectively. At present a number of them are making home dresses, under-slips, bloomers and blouses. They are doing the most creditable work ever accomplished. Another group is taking up the Red Cross training, taught by two nurses sent out by the Red Cross organization, with all the necessary paraphernalia.

Unless one visits these homes they can have no conception of the crowded, cramped conditions existing, and what a relief it must be to the boys to have the pleasure of enjoying the attractive reading room, with books and games and victrola, a place where they are not subject to temptation, but surrounded with wholesome influences.

Every Sunday afternoon, it is with a sense of regret, that we close the Mission, and send into the street, or worse places, the large group of fine, young men, who are developing into such fine characters, and who attend the Bible class with regularity.

The mothers are free to come at any time and use the sewing machines, and while the social worker cuts out the garments, the mother sews, and the children play in a clean healthful place.

Our Board believes in giving the foreign children a chance; to free them from ignorance, superstition and untruth; to teach them the love of Christ and lift them to a higher plane of living. To that end we have expended about \$1800.00 annually and have but one salaried worker; the rest of the service is volunteered.

Over 200 Sunday School sessions during the quadrennium; 375 afternoon and evening classes; 250 children sent to the country for two weeks; Sunday School attendance 75 to 150; ages 1 to 22 years. 225 children given a Christmas gift each year; 250 Bibles have been distributed; visits to the homes and hospitals averaging over 500 a year. Seven children are joining church and ten boys in one Sunday School class have not missed a Sunday since September. Two of our workers, Miss Cook and Miss Green, are taking a special course

We are grateful for this increase but when we call to mind that there are approximately 2525 churches in the denomination and only 287 organized: 180,000 members of these churches and only 7719, counting men, women, children and babies helping regularly and systematically to carry forward the work in this great needy field, we feel like most humbly asking our heavenly Father to please forgive us and let us have another chance. We also feel like most earnestly asking Him to help us reach the hearts and be able to enlist the other thousands of our church members who cannot afford to miss their part in this Christian as well as patriotic work.

We feel so greatly the need of informing the people of the work the Society is doing and then organizing them into channels of service that we have two organizers at work hoping to get our people connected up and at work that much sooner for this great department of Kingdom service.

We have at present eight objectives through which we are striving to win for Jesus and make our country more truly Christian.

WORK FOR MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

The work at Pine Ridge, Ky., has been a miracle in development. At the time our last General Conference met Dr. and Mrs. Woodford had been in charge of this work just one year. In May, 1920, with fear and trembling and great hesitancy, we laid an apportionment of \$8000.00 on the Society, during the year we went over the top more than \$1000.00. This year our apportionment is \$20,000.00 and we confidently expect to go over the top again. The table below shows the growth at the mission station.

	1920	1924
Acres of land.....	42	135
Buildings (not including stables).....	4	7
Property valuation.....	\$10,000	\$26,000
Salaried workers	2	8
Pupils enrolled	64	131
Boarding students	12	80
Number Sunday Schools.....	1	4
Places preaching services held.....	1	4

We now have an accredited high school meeting state requirements. There are three definite prospects for permanent preaching places and Sunday Schools. Good words are being spoken far out beyond the bounds of Wolfe County, in which we are located and students are enrolled from seven other counties. Our dormitories and class rooms are full to overflowing and we must build greater. The charge are, board and tuition \$100.00, and day pupils \$8.00 tuition per year. These amounts provide scholarships for the children whose parents cannot pay for them. We are finding numbers of children whose parents are not able to pay and the children cannot come unless scholarships are provided for them.

We have improved our school building so that now we have seven recitation rooms, a play room, a print shop, a separate room for rug weaving and broom making, a Science Laboratory and a library of one thousand good volumes and an auditorium seating three hundred persons, which is used for Sunday School and Church purposes.

PITTSBURGH METHODIST PROTESTANT MISSION FOR FOREIGN CHILDREN OF THE W. H. M. S.

As a church, we are confronted by a colossal task when we consider the foreigner and our relation to him. He has come to stay, and live among us; we come in close contact in the cars, on the street

tributing to it, is the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The home is prepared to care for ten patients, but only those able to come to dining room can be taken. Since the home was established about thirty-five patients have been cared for, representing ten different states. The property is valued at eight thousand dollars with indebtedness of twelve hundred dollars. Most of the patients have been men of moderate means, and Bethel Home has made it possible for a number of them to take the cure in the Carolina mountains.

THE WORK AMONG THE LEPERS

The Washington-Virginia Branch contributes to the interdenominational work among the lepers at the Center in Louisiana, and thus we have a small part in the great work of helping these distressed and afflicted ones and bringing some of the joys of the Gospel of Jesus to them.

ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Seattle-Washington Branch is doing its work helping to build and foster another church within the borders of its own Conference and so build greater things for the denomination and the Kingdom.

INDIANA, DEACONESS HOME

There is no greater work than training workers for the work. Indiana Branch is helping her Conference to do this by contributing to the Home for the training of deaconesses, at Indianapolis, Ind.

FUNDS

	Apportion.	Raised	*Branches	†Pine Ridge	‡Treas.
1920-21.....	\$8,000.00	\$14,153.36	\$3,072.31	\$3,644.03	\$7,437.02
1921-22.....	16,700.00	21,270.66	4,340.74	4,027.10	12,902.82
1922-23.....	17,425.00	25,553.46	5,789.88	4,762.01	15,001.57
	<u>\$42,125.00</u>	<u>\$60,977.48</u>	<u>\$13,202.93</u>	<u>\$12,433.14</u>	<u>\$35,341.41</u>
1923-24.....	\$20,000.00	We expect to raise it (See General Conference Journal for 1924 report).			

*Kept in Branch treasury and used as Annual Conference funds.

†Raised by tuition, sales, etc., or sent direct to Pine Ridge as freewill offerings.

‡Sent to our National Treasurer, Mrs. Gilligan, and counted on General Conference claims.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN COLORED CONFERENCES

We have two Branches in colored conferences. One in the Colorado-Texas Conference where the women are earnestly trying to help build a school for their young people. We must have trained leaders in colored work as well as in the white conferences, if they are to succeed. Other denominations are providing well for their colored constituency. If our young people attend the schools of other denominations we lose the brightest and best of our workers. The progress of the school will be reported by the Board of Education.

The South Carolina Conference, Colored, is also organized for service and the South Carolina Branch is working locally for the extension of the denomination in their Conference. Statistics are not available at this time for these two Branches. The South Carolina Branch was organized two years ago, making ten new Branches for the quadrennium.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. G. DIXON, Pres.

MRS. J. A. GORDON, Cor. Sec.

at the University of Pittsburgh in Religious Education and case work, to better fit them for service.

I know of no other work reaching so many lives, which is more economically carried on. This work might have reached a much higher development, if the Committee of the Federation of Churches had not been considering relocation of work to prevent overlapping of the several denominations.

JANE A. GORDON,

Cor. Secy., W. H. M. S.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Though this institution is a general church institution, yet the North Carolina Branch gives their money largely for this institution while donations for it come from almost every Branch of the W. H. M. S. During the quadrennium we have given to the support of the Home \$6029. There are seventy-three children in the Home at present. In the school of the Home two teachers are employed who take the children through ten grades. At eighteen years old the children go out from the Home either to enter other schools or colleges or to take some position that has been secured for them. All who have gone out are making good.

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BUSINESS GIRLS' HOME

The Maryland Branch with donations from other Branches is striving to establish a Home in Baltimore, Md., for working girls. To all our large cities girls from the surrounding country come to find employment. The life in the city is very different from the quiet, sheltered, safe home life of the country. Prices are higher than they expected and wages lower. They can scarcely find a place where they can live on the salary they get. Temptation faces them on every side, they are lonely for home and distressed at the prospects of going in debt or returning home a failure. The other alternative is sin. To remedy this distressing condition the women of Maryland Branch are earnestly desiring to establish a Home where these girls can live at a moderate cost, have a home life and be protected from the allurements of sin.

Nor is the financial problem the only one involved in instituting the Business Girls' Home.

Many times, the salaries of the girls are such they can pay a higher rate, and the question becomes, not monetary, but social. The girls desire to reside in a Christian home atmosphere, as in "the shadow of the Almighty" in preference to a public boarding house. By reason of the adequate board many are able to pay, the upkeep of the Home, after the property is secured and the Home in operation, will not be difficult:

This Home will be opened as soon as a suitable building can be secured.

BETHEL HOME

This is a Home for tubercular patients in the mountains of North Carolina, near Weaverville, not far from Asheville. It is well located in a spot of beauty on a high hill overlooking the surrounding country.

Bethel Home was established in June, 1918, by Rev. Homer Casto, of the North Carolina conference. It is a Christian home for men of small means suffering from tuberculosis. The property consists of three acres of land and one seven room house with large sleeping porches and all modern conveniences. The work has been largely supported by Mr. Casto's personal friends, the only organization con-

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E—By providing Reading Courses for those who may not have the opportunity of attending our Summer Conferences or Institutes.

6. To win Life Recruits for the Ministry, Mission Fields, Deaconess Work, Sunday School Teaching, Christian Endeavor Leadership or some other form of definite service for Christ.

7. To get as many as possible of our young people into our Colleges and Seminary.

8. To organize our Conferences into districts with a Superintendent, whose duty shall be to see that the plans of the Board and general program of the church is carried out.

9. To encourage the proper development of the social nature of our young people, recognizing that their play life must have christian guidance.

10. To enlist and organize the young people for the carrying forward to successful completion the program of the denomination.

Results—The program can be justified only by meeting the needs which exist and producing results which are commensurate with the expenditures of time and money. This we believe is being done. While as we previously stated it would be difficult to record all the far reaching influence of the work being done by this Board, yet it is possible to indicate some very definite results of our work.

Information—It has been through the efforts of this Board in its training conferences and through literature circulated that many of those directing the work of religious education in the local churches have been better prepared for their duties, so much so that many pastors have given expression to the value of the work as they have noted its influence upon the life of their churches, Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies in many cases having been transformed into much more efficient forces.

Inspiration—No greater service can be rendered to the life of young people than to hold before them a proper estimate and meaning of life, and inspire them to accept and strive after these higher things. This Board has been instrumental in doing this in many cases. There are some of the brightest young people among our constituency who are now in our Colleges preparing for life's work because they caught the vision of a larger life under the inspiration of the Summer Conferences and Conventions conducted by this Board.

Consecration—One of the particular needs in the church life of today is to get people to devote themselves to the cause which they recognize as deserving of their best endeavor. To recognize and accept the claims of God upon their life and service. This need has been met to a large extent wherever the young people have been brought under the influence of the work of this Board.

In many instances large numbers have faced the greater issues of life in these gatherings and come to a definite decision as to the place they should fill in the larger ministry of the church, or in a more loyal service and support of their local organization. Out of these Life Recruit services we have a fine list of our most promising young

OUR PROGRAM—If there is a real need, it certainly becomes our duty as a denomination to plan to meet that need. While we recognize the fact that programs will not solve all our problems, yet they are our organized effort to meet the challenge of the hour. As a Board directing the Religious Education of the young people of the Methodist Protestant Church we are seeking to give a safe and sane program for the carrying forward of a constructive work in every department of our church life. Our program for the next quarennium is as follows:

1. To preserve and intensify the spirit of evangelism.
2. To aid in promoting Organized Classes in the Senior, Young People's, and Adult Departments of the Sunday School, and the development of Brotherhoods.
3. To encourage the organization and development of Christian Endeavor Societies.
4. To teach the Stewardship of Life and Possessions.
5. To carry forward the work of Religious Education through the following:

A.—The development of higher educational standards, with better trained teachers and leaders in the Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and other organizations among young people in the local church.

B.—The holding of Summer Conferences for Young People. One of the greatest needs of the church today is a better equipped leadership. If we are to meet this need we must do our part in offering religious education to that large portion of our young people who will never enter college, and thus prepare them for their part in the church of tomorrow. This we are striving to do through our Summer Conferences, and in order to maintain a denominational standard and produce uniformity in them the Board of Young People's Work offers four standard courses of four years each covering the Children's Division, the Young People's Division and the Adult Division of the Church School, Christian Endeavor and kindred organizations together with a course in General Church work. Each of these courses cover 120 hours and are composed of certain required and elective subjects. They are so arranged as to be workable in the small conference, or the one just beginning, and at the same time provide for a continual enlargement of the work as the conference grows.

C.—The conducting of institutes in centrally located communities where portions of the Standard Summer Conference courses may be taken, thus providing the opportunity for leadership training in the local community.

D.—The promotion of Teacher Training Classes in the local church or community. This Board recommends the Standard three years course composed of 120 lessons covering the following subjects: "The Pupil," "The Teacher," "The Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ," "Organization and Administration of the Church School," composing the first year; "Teaching Values of the Old Testament," "Teaching Values of the New Testament Other Than the Life of Christ," "Program of the Christian Religion," "How to Train the Devotional Life," composing the second year. Specialization Work covering forty lessons on either of the departments of the Sunday School, composing the third year.

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**TREASURER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
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**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUADRENNIUM
MAY 1st, 1920 TO APRIL 30th, 1924**

	YEAR ENDING			
	1921	1922	1923	1924
Balance, May 1st.....	\$2,138.55	\$1,342.27	\$ 1,956.22	\$ 2,732.35
RECEIPTS				
Rally Day.....	3,333.57	6,867.26	9,433.54	8,824.03
Budget.....	3,901.78	916.48	.....	.....
Specials.....	122.27	94.86	77.54	17.51
Million Dollar Fund.....	1,480.02	209.01	46.57	7.17
Interchurch Fund.....	229.64	60.31	25.34	.10
Interest on Deposits.....	62.86	77.47	102.65	183.64
Reserve Fund (Budget).....	.....	88.08	.....	.....
	<u>\$11,268.69</u>	<u>\$9,655.74</u>	<u>\$11,641.86</u>	<u>\$11,764.80</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Secretary's Salary.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,450.00	3,000.00
Secretary's Traveling and General Expense.....	2,871.44	1,710.45	2,356.93	1,436.39
Stenographer's Salary.....	.....	.....	161.50	629.25
Mrs. A. G. Dixon, Salary.....	650.00	600.00	480.00	.....
Mrs. H. W. Maier, Salary.....	550.00	600.00	600.00	780.00
Rally Day Expense.....	763.91	979.40	.....	840.60
Board Meeting Expense.....	152.84	21.35	323.20	248.46
Traveling Expense, Others.....	112.43	663.07	376.59	133.68
A. G. Brown, Treasurer.....	1,063.21	.....	.....	.....
Liberty Bonds, Delivered to Secretary.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
Interchurch Movement, Slides.....	42.89	.....	.....	.....
Forward Movement Committee.....	19.70	.....	.....	.....
Investment Account.....	650.00	.....	.....	.....
Sunday School Council.....	.....	75.25	.....	75.00
Budget Return.....	2,087.48	3,018.96
Mrs. H. W. Maier, Leaflets.....	73.81
	<u>\$ 9,926.42</u>	<u>\$7,699.52</u>	<u>\$ 8,909.51</u>	<u>\$10,162.34</u>
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To inform our young people of the open fields of service and the best methods for performing that service. To inspire within them the most noble ambitions and persuade them to devote themselves to the calls of God and needy humanity is a result, the far reaching influence of which will be the means of producing a larger and more efficient church. These results we believe justify the expenditure of all the time and means we have given to this work.

OUR NEEDS

The cry of all our Boards seems to be for more money, and I am quite sure the opportunities open to each of them are sufficient to profitably use much more than their present income. I do not think we should ask extravagantly but we should have more than the present income with which to do the work the church is asking us to do.

The benevolent response of a church might indicate the desire of its constituency. If so, certainly the church would have the Young People's Board better financed than at present. Since January 1st, 1923, we have turned back to the general fund \$5106.44. This indicates that the Young People's Board is an asset rather than a liability.

If this Board could receive as its income four per cent. of the money raised on the budget and be allowed to retain the entire amount of the Rally Day offering until the total income from these sources together with a special offering, credited on the budget shall amount to four per cent. of the General Conference budget (\$500,000) we would have no trouble in financing the work of this Board. This does not seem to be an unreasonable request.

This Board most respectfully request the following:

1. That we be apportioned as our income 4 per cent. of the budget agreed upon by the General Conference, and that we be allowed to retain the entire amount of the Rally Day offerings until the total income from these sources together with the special offerings credited on the budget shall amount to 4 per cent. of the total budget set by the General Conference, or should the General Conference decide to include all monies received from special days in the budget to be distributed on a percentage basis, we then ask that you allow this Board 7 per cent. of the gross receipts for budget.

2. That the program of this Board as herein set forth to be adopted as a standard for its activities during the next quadrennium.

Note:—The financial report is herewith submitted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL FUND
Composed of
MILLION DOLLAR FUND AND INTEREST
JANUARY 1, 1923 TO APRIL 30, 1924

RECEIPTS

Jan. 1, 1923	To balance cash on hand and in Bank received from Rev. A. G. Dixon	\$1,241.51	
Jan. 5, 1923	From Sale of War Savings Stamps	\$ 65.00	
Mar. 13, 1923	From Ads in Hand Book	79.00	
May 1, 1923	From Ads in Hand Book	48.37	
May 1, 1923	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds	112.01	
May 31, 1923	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds	88.10	
May 31, 1923	From Matured U. S. Liberty Bonds	200.00	
Sept. 17, 1923	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds	28.72	
Nov. 19, 1923	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds	164.70	
Apr. 15, 1924	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds	103.01	
Apr. 30, 1924	Cash in Expense Fund	200.00	1,088.91
	Total		\$2,330.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Jan. 5, 1923	To Heidelberg Press, Rally Day Proceedings	\$ 930.67	
Jan. 5, 1923	To Expense Fund	200.00	
May 1, 1923	Stockton Press, Printing Hand Book	250.00	
May 31, 1923	Stockton Press, Printing Hand Book	200.00	
Sept. 17, 1923	Stockton Press, Printing Hand Book	84.80	
Nov. 19, 1923	Judefind Bros. Balance on Rally Day Proceedings	300.00	1,965.47
Apr. 30, 1924	To balance cash on hand and in bank		164.95
Apr. 30, 1924	Cash in Expense Fund		200.00
	Total		\$2,330.42

STATEMENT OF U. S. LIBERTY BONDS HELD BY THE BOARD

RECEIPTS

May 1, 1920	U. S. Liberty Bonds on Hand	\$7,100.00	
	U. S. Liberty Bonds received from H. C. Staley, General Conference Treasurer	1,700.00	
	U. S. War Stamps received from H. C. Staley, General Conference Treasurer	60.00	
Feb. 12, 1921	U. S. Liberty Bonds purchased	500.00	9,360.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Jan. 5, 1923	War Savings Stamps Sold	\$ 60.00	
May 31, 1923	Bonds Matured	200.00	60.00
	Bonds now in possession of this Board		\$9,100.00

ELY D. MILLER, President.

E. A. SEXSMITH, Gen'l. Sect.

REPORT OF SPECIAL FUND
Composed of
MILLION DOLLAR FUND AND INTEREST
MAY 1, 1920 TO DECEMBER 31, 1922

RECEIPTS

May 1, 1920	To Balance Cash on Hand and in Bank.....		\$273.73
May 13, 1920	From C. H. Beck, Treasurer.....	\$1,063.21	
May 18, 1920	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	42.50	
Aug. 10, 1920	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	46.05	
Oct. 26, 1920	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	99.04	
Oct. 27, 1920	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	1.00	
Nov. 6, 1920	Returned from Loan for Expenses.....	75.00	
Dec. 20, 1920	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	92.81	
Jan. 27, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	1.19	
Apr. 4, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	23.34	
July 15, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	176.06	
Sept. 26, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	34.63	
Oct. 4, 1921	Returned from Loan for Expenses.....	50.00	
Oct. 4, 1921	Returned from Loan for Expenses.....	21.35	
Oct. 4, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	30.69	
Dec. 15, 1921	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	100.63	
Apr. 3, 1922	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	25.47	
Apr. 20, 1922	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	78.61	
Sept. 25, 1922	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	120.84	
Sept. 25, 1922	Returned from Loan for Expenses.....	5.00	
Nov. 27, 1922	Coupons from U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	164.70	
Dec. 14, 1922	Bonds and Coupons.....	102.38	
Dec. 30, 1922	Returned from Loan for Expenses.....	495.00	
	By Voucher from General Fund to Special Fund.....	650.00	3,499.5
	Total.....		\$3,773.23

DISBURSEMENTS

May 17, 1920	High Point Convention Expenses.....	\$ 250.00	
July 14, 1920	Office Furniture from I. C. M.....	135.00	
July 19, 1920	Interchurch Underwritings.....	330.00	
July 27, 1920	Office Furniture.....	96.00	
Aug. 4, 1920	Office Furniture.....	142.50	
Aug. 10, 1920	Secretary's Traveling Expenses.....	75.00	
Sept. 11, 1920	For Addressograph.....	123.17	
Oct. 30, 1920	For Addressograph Cabinet for Plates.....	36.00	
Nov. 5, 1920	Interchurch Underwritings.....	330.00	
Jan. 11, 1921	Secretary's Traveling Expenses.....	75.00	
Feb. 12, 1921	Bought U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	460.20	
July 29, 1921	Secretary's Traveling Expenses.....	21.35	
July 30, 1921	Secretary's Traveling Expenses.....	50.00	
Aug. 2, 1921	Safe Deposit Box Rent.....	7.50	
Apr. 26, 1922	For Convention Expenses.....	400.00	2,531.72
Dec. 31, 1922	Balance Cash on hand and in Bank.....		1,241.51
	Total.....		\$3,773.23

Close of account with Rev. A. G. Dixon, General Secretary.